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*Yamani's hint*

## OPEC may apply sanctions on firms

BONN, April 6 (R) — The Kingdom's Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said Monday night OPEC countries may apply sanctions against oil companies pressing Nigeria to cut its oil price.

"We don't want to do that, but if it's a necessity, we will do it," he told reporters before making a speech here to the West German Foreign Policy Association. Most major international oil companies producing and buying crude oil in Nigeria have asked for a cut in the present Nigerian price of \$35.50 a barrel because of the world oil glut and lower prices being charged by other countries such as Britain.

The Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said Monday OPEC could support the Nigerian price by putting pressure on oil companies, cutting oil output further, extending a credit line for Nigeria, or arranging the forward purchase of Nigerian oil by other OPEC countries.

Sheikh Yamani was asked if OPEC was likely to hold an emergency meeting soon to discuss Nigeria. He replied: "We are studying the situation right now... I think the situation will be very clear probably by the end of this week."

Nigeria was allocated an output ceiling of 1.3 million barrels per day (BPD) when OPEC ministers set an overall limit of 18 million BPD at talks in Vienna last month on defending prices in the current oil glut. But oil industry sources have estimated its output has slumped as low as 550,000 BPD since the talks as buyers wanting a price cut moved immediately after his speech.

Sheikh Yamani said his country would cut its oil production further if it felt this was necessary, but he refused to be drawn on the size of a possible reduction. Saudi Arabia has already cut output by 500,000 BPD this month from the March level, lowering its ceiling to seven million BPD.

Asked whether Saudi Arabia had made or was likely to extend a credit to Nigeria, Sheikh Yamani replied this would be considered.

### King receives ulema

RIYADH, April 6 (SPA) — King Khalid received Tuesday night the ulema and sheikhs at his palace as he does every week.

### To address U.N. on disarmament

## Reagan invites Brezhnev

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, refusing Monday to back away from his opinion that the Soviet Union has a nuclear edge over the United States, invited Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to join him in addressing the United Nations on disarmament.

Asked if the speech should coincide with summit conference, Reagan told reporters "I think it would be well if he and I had a talk." He said "This whole idea ... of arms reduction, arms control, is one of the most important things that is facing us, and I hope that we'll both be able to address the (U.N.) conference."

Well-informed Soviet sources said in Moscow Tuesday that Moscow will not react to President Reagan's statement unless it is backed by a formal invitation, and unless the Kremlin believes that the time is ripe for a summit likely to yield favorable results.

The Soviet sources reiterated that the United States had so far failed to show real willingness to talk about disarmament. Although bringing the matter up before the U.N. was important, they said, serious talks between the two countries were even more so. They added that if Reagan was betting on reports of Brezhnev's poor health when he made his informal invitation, he could be in for a surprise with the Soviet leader agreeing to go to the U.N. just to embarrass Washington.

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, French President Francois Mitterrand, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki are expected to address the conference, which will be held from June 7 to July 5 at the United Nations.

White House spokesman David Gergen



Sheikh Yamani

dered if Nigeria sought such assistance, but Nigeria had not made a request yet. Sheikh Yamani flew into Bonn from London to address the Foreign Policy Association meeting, and returned to the British capital immediately after his speech.

Sheikh Yamani warned that the world could soon face another energy crisis if oil consuming nations continued to run down their stocks of crude at the current estimated rate of about four million BPD. He said oil consumption by the "free world" economies in the first three months of 1982 was 47 million BPD and production by OPEC and non-OPEC producers only around 43 million BPD, with the difference coming from stocks.

Stock depletion was a mistake, he said, as consumer nations would face serious trouble if they had insufficient reserves to fall back on in the event of a halt to oil supplies in a future crisis. "If there is an interruption in our area (Middle East), and our area is full of surprises, you might find yourselves very vulnerable," he said.

Sheikh Yamani said he considered the present oil glut was temporary and would be corrected as Western economies started to recover.

He said he had no indication that Brezhnev would attend. The Soviet leader last visited the United States in June, 1975, when he conferred with President Richard Nixon.

Reagan is traveling to Europe in early June for economic and NATO discussions with U.S. allies. He said that upon his return, he intends to address the United Nations' meeting on arms control.

One White House official who asked not to be identified, said Reagan's proposal to Brezhnev was "done very deliberately" to signal that "the administration wants to get the arms control issue off the dime and moving."

The president took issue with what he called "the imagery" of a superpower summit, but said: "whether that means a full-blown, summit conference, no, I think that, if he is here, and we both address that subject, I think it would be well if he and I had a talk."

Brezhnev, 75, has been reported to be hospitalized, but Reagan said he had no confirmation that the Soviet leader was in bad health. In Moscow, the Soviet foreign ministry Monday denied Western press reports that President Brezhnev was ill and said the Kremlin chief was on a routine winter holiday.

Asked if he would like to meet with Brezhnev following the U.N. sessions, Reagan said: "naturally. A head of state is here in our own country, I should very much think that he and I would have a meeting." Reagan has previously said he would not want to meet with Brezhnev until preparations are completed for such top-level arms talks.

During the 13-minute meeting with reporters in the Oval Office, the president also said:

— Unemployment, which reached 9 percent in March and tied a post-World War record, may climb higher before the nation recovers from the economic recession. His spokesman had shied away from predicting a higher rate of joblessness.

— The United States seeks "a peaceful resolution" of the dispute between Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands, and supported the United Nations resolution calling for Argentina's withdrawal from the South Atlantic islands they took over last week. "We're friends of both sides in this," Reagan said, refusing to state what steps he would take if a violent confrontation ensues.

— His falling position in public opinion polls "followed a pattern that's been historically true to every president," adding that he wasn't bothered by them although "there has been quite a drum-beat of criticism that has gone largely unanswered by us..."

Later, Reagan met with a labor group, where his prepared remarks included a stinging denunciation of Soviet foreign policies.

### During visit to countryside

## Fahd lauds direct links

Riyadh, April 6 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd said his visit to the country was not meant for a rest but to meet as many people as possible and find out their needs.

He said King Khaled has been making similar visits to meet with thousands of people and hear their needs and suggestions. "King Khaled takes with him a number of officials who carry out his instructions at once," he said.

Prince Fahd said his visit was a good chance to meet with a large number of people in the villages and hamlets be passed through and to inspect a number of development projects. He was delighted with the progress being made especially in

communications, education, agriculture, and health.

He was equally pleased with his meetings with the people which he found constructive and useful for both the officials and the people because of the frank exchanges of views that take place between them. The officials also benefit from such meetings as they obtain a close glimpse of the people's affairs and problems.

"We pray to God to perpetuate this blessing of security, stability and close relationship binding the people together so that we may achieve greater progress and prosperity under the aegis of our religion," he said.

## Gulf ceasefire urged

KUWAIT, April 6 (R) — Iran and Iraq were urged Tuesday to end the 18-month-old Gulf war when foreign ministers of the nonaligned movement met in Kuwait, only 80 kms from the battlefield.

The foreign ministers of the two states heard Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Kuwait's deputy prime minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, urge them to cease hostilities immediately. Both Iran and Iraq belong to the 96-member nonaligned movement whose coordination bureau met to consider ways of helping the Palestinian cause in the face of what ministers called continued Israeli aggression in occupied Arab territories.

Arafat said there would be no peace and security in the Middle East so long as the rights of the Palestinians, including the right to an independent state, were ignored.

Sheikh Sabah said great powers had formed a strategic alliance with Israel to serve their own interests and were now obstructing progress toward a solution of the Palestinian problem. Both Arafat and Sheikh Sabah condemned the United States for vetoing U.N. Security Council resolutions calling on Israel to rescind its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights and its dismissal of the Palestinian mayors of three West Bank towns.

Kittani said it was not the fault of the United Nations if no solution to the Palestinian problem had been found after more than 10 years. He blamed those U.N. member states which he said "flout resolutions or prefer to work outside the U.N. system."

## U.S.-China ties worsen

PEKING, April 6 (R) — Communist China warned the United States Tuesday that their relations were on the brink of a precipice because of continuing American arms sales to nationalist China, Taiwan, but said it was still willing to find a reasonable solution.

Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping was quoted as having told visiting former British Prime Minister Edward Heath Tuesday that Washington could not go on trying to run Taiwan as an American aircraft carrier.

An official commentary in the *China Daily* said the Americans had pushed Sino-U.S. relations to the precipice. The English language newspaper said "it is up to Washington itself to get out of its present predicament that is, if it wants to."

But a separate commentary in the *People's Daily* said Peking was willing to be patient and flexible, suggesting that arms sales to Taiwan might be acceptable for the present provided the U.S. agreed on a deadline to end them. "China can under no circumstances permit the situation of the U.S. selling arms

to Taiwan to continue without a time limit," it said.

It pointed out however that China had downgraded diplomatic relations with the Netherlands last year after it decided to sell two submarines to the Taiwanese. "Whether or not Sino-U.S. relations retrogress will depend on whether the U.S. conscientiously respects Chinese sovereignty and is determined to solve the problem of arms sales to Taiwan," the commentary added.

Heath, who is making a private visit to Communist China, was asked at a news conference after his meeting with Deng whether the powerful vice-chairman had commented on President Reagan's plans to sell military spare parts to Taiwan. The \$60 million deal is expected to be formally notified to Congress later this month.

Heath said Deng had told him that "Congress must accept that this is just one China and that they cannot go on trying to run Taiwan as, to use their own phrase, American aircraft carrier." Heath said "it is the United States which has got to make up its mind."

### Astronomers claim

## Einstein's theory is wrong

NEW YORK, April 6 (AP) — Very careful observations of the sun have led astronomers at the University of Arizona to conclude that there is an error in Einstein's general theory of relativity. The Arizona astronomers are scheduled to present their findings Tuesday at a meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society in Dublin, Ireland.

Einstein's theory explains why there is a certain tiny fluctuation, called a precession, in the orbit of the planet mercury. Until now, Einstein's calculation of this precession had agreed almost exactly with observations made by astronomers. The Arizona researchers say, however, that the effect of the sun on mercury's orbit is slightly different from what Einstein had thought, and when that difference is taken into account, Einstein's theory no longer agrees with astronomical observations.

Philip Goode, an associate professor at the University of Arizona in Tucson, said by

Centenarian gets new teeth in China

PEKING, April 6 (AP) — At the age of 100, Chinese peasant Luo Shijun is growing new teeth, 11 on top and 16 on the bottom of his mouth, a Shanghai newspaper said.

The *Wen Hui Bao* said news of Luo's new teeth had spread all over his commune in southeast China's Jiangxi province. Luo was born on Dec. 12 in the Seventh year of the Luang Hua Emperor, or 1881, and had long lived on a mountain side, growing crops and eating sweets, peanuts, curd, eggs and hot peppers with his rice, said the paper's Sunday edition, seen in Peking Monday. He didn't smoke, drink or eat oily foods, it added.

The *Wen Hui Bao* said Luo still can grow vegetables and gather firewood, and likes to tell stories to his neighbors.

As the diplomatic strategy unwound,

telephone from Tucson that Einstein's calculations were wrong by about 1 percent. That is not a large error, he said, but it is enough to call Einstein's theory into question. Goode said he and his colleagues, Professor Henry Hill and Randall Bos, a graduate student, made their findings with the help of a very sensitive solar telescope just north of Tucson.

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### Rejects call to resign

## Thatcher's future rests on Falklands

LONDON, April 6 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Tuesday rejected opposition Labor Party calls that she resign over the Falklands crisis.

In a House of Commons debate, Mrs. Thatcher replied to a labor heckler: "No — now is the time for strength and resolution." During the second Commons debate on the issue since Saturday, Mrs. Thatcher said the government would be "very happy" if U.S. President Ronald Reagan or any other mediator was able to achieve a peaceful solution. In any event, "our mission is to restore British sovereignty to the islands," she said.

According to observers, Mrs. Thatcher is staking the survival of her government as well as her political future on recovering the Falkland Islands by diplomacy or force of arms.

Mrs. Thatcher, elected Britain's first woman prime minister in 1979 and popularly dubbed "the iron lady," faces the nation's gravest national crisis since the 1956 Suez crisis. She has publicly committed her government, after the resignation of Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and two top aides, to restoring British sovereignty to the remote South Atlantic archipelago seized by Argentine forces last week.

"She's nailed her colors to the mast," said a senior aide at Mrs. Thatcher's office after she publicly dismissed the possibility of failure to recover the islands. "There's no going back now," the aide commented.

A national opinion poll in *The Daily Mail* newspaper Tuesday showed that 80 percent of 942 persons questioned around Britain Monday blamed Mrs. Thatcher's government for what happened and 36 percent blamed the prime minister personally.

Another poll, on television, showed that while Britons generally favored action against Argentina by the huge British armada that sailed for the Falklands Monday, 25 percent of those questioned thought Mrs. Thatcher should quit. The opposition Labor Party, while backing the despatch of the British fleet to the South Atlantic subject to continuing diplomatic efforts, has quickly geared itself to make the most of the political fallout from the crisis.

Labor politicians and other parliamentarians believe the resignations at the foreign office have seriously weakened the government. The departure of Lord Carrington, and of Defense Minister John Nott who offered to quit but was told by Mrs. Thatcher to stay at his post, was eagerly sought by the opposition.

Members of the ruling Conservative Party, angry at the humiliation of a government elected on a platform of increased defense spending, joined in the chorus of demands for

### Pound sinks to new low

## U.K. share prices crash

LONDON, April 6 (AFP) — Shares on the London Stock Exchange recorded their biggest one-day fall since World War II Tuesday, wiping 5,000 million pounds off their market value.

The stock exchange index fell 17.6 points within the first few hours of opening. The pound also fell to its lowest level against the dollar for four years at 1.7540 and the somber atmosphere deepened in the city amid fears that long awaited bank rate cuts might be reversed.

A wave of panic selling hit the exchange and the pound sterling Tuesday because of market fears that Mrs. Thatcher might be compelled by opposition voices in parliament to resign over the loss of the Falklands. Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington quit Monday. "It is the fear that she will have to follow Carrington and that her policies will not be continued that is causing the panic," said economist Gordon Pepper at stockbrokers W. Greenwell. He said the market reaction was ironically "an incredible vote of confidence in Thatcher's policies".

While Monday's fall on the stock market accelerated on opening Tuesday — "it's a bloodbath," commented one dealer, "selling is coming from all sources" — the short-term money market was hectic, with speculators betting on a rise in the bank rate.

At Britain's request, ambassadors to the 10-nation European Economic Community met in an emergency session to hear a plea that their countries take anti-Argentine sanctions similar to ones announced in Britain on Monday.

Argentina was preparing militarily for a British counterattack. Besides strengthening its hold on the Falklands, the military government ordered security measures to be taken at the country's main oil wells at Comodoro Rivadavia, and at Rio Gallegos, a rear base for the Falklands operations.

These arrangements involved a partial night-time blackout, which will presumably be extended when the British fleet, which left Portsmouth Monday, approaches the region. In the archipelago, Argentina appeared anxious to reassure the islanders that their way of life would not be interfered with, and that it would respect "commitments



## Occupied land conditions dominate cabinet session

RIYADH, April 6 (SPA) — The current situation in the occupied Arab land was the center of discussions Monday night at the weekly session of the Council of Ministers here. Crown Prince Fahd presided over the session.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abd Yamani said that the council focused on recent political developments at the beginning of the session, especially the conditions within occupied Arab territories. The cabinet reviewed reports about the situation and the courageous resistance by "our Palestinian brethren in face of the Zionist repression, killing and irresponsible activities," Yamani said.

Prince Fahd conveyed to the council King Khaled's concern, and reaffirmed support to the steadfastness and just struggle of the Palestinian people. The King also reiterated the Kingdom's stand in support of Palestinians against the Zionist enemy and "those who back it."

The council heard a report by Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, state minister and cabinet member, on the results of the recent Arab foreign ministers conference, held in Tunis, to discuss the deteriorating situation in the occupied Arab territories. Masoud, who led the Kingdom's delegation to the conference, had reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's continuous support to Palestinian fighters against the Zionist enemy's irresponsibility and colonialist activities and measures.

Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sul-

tan also briefed the ministers council on the results of his recent visit to Iraq during which he was accompanied by Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiteer. "Contacts between King Khaled, his government and the brothers in Iraq are continuous in order to get to know the situation there," Prince Sultan told the ministers.

Iraq, he said, is inclined toward peace, good neighborliness and the country has no ambitions in Iranian territories according to the statements of Iraqi officials.

The council deliberated on conditions within the international oil market and certain aspects of the Kingdom's petroleum policy. Dr. Yamani said. The ministers also discussed the national agricultural production policy, especially grains. The cabinet commended the Agriculture and Water Minis-

try's efforts in this regard.

Meanwhile, two senior Palestinian leaders from Al-Khalil have said that the revolt in the occupied Arab territories is an outcome of Palestinian Arabs' total rejection of "Zionist plans to annex the territories through the so-called Israeli civil administration."

Ex-mayor Fahd Qawasme and Mufit (grand judge) Rajab Al-Tamimi of Al-Khalil (Hebron) reaffirmed that no peace can be achieved in the area without the participation of the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

The leaders said the Palestinian people were fully aware of the "Israeli designs to annex their lands."

## British team tours Jubail industries

JUBAIL, April 6 (SPA) — British Minister for Construction John Stanley and his delegation toured Jubail industrial city Tuesday as part of his current visit to Kingdom.

The British minister visited the housing development of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, employees, the Huwailat hospital, the administrative building and work sites of the iron and steel mill, petrochemicals and other supporting industries.

Stanley, accompanied by commission secretary general, Dr. Farouk Ahdar, visited the industrial complex, port and training

### Saudi-UAE ties viewed

ABU DHABI, April 6 (SPA) — United Arab Emirates Deputy Premier Sheikh Hamdan ibn Muhammad received the Saudi Arabian ambassador here, Sheikh Saleh Salsal Al-Fawzan. Talks dealt with bilateral relations and recent developments in the region.

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The first briefing was held on Feb 8, 1982. In order to limit the number of attendees at any one session, contractors are requested to attend on the date scheduled.

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## SR155m deal let for boosting irrigation means

RIYADH, April 6 (SPA) — A national company has won a SR155.6 million contract for improving irrigation and drainage methods in Dourmat Al-Jandal and Jurf, it was announced here Tuesday. The contract will be implemented within 24 months.

According to Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the project provides for drilling 17 artesian wells with depths ranging between 300 and 500 meters. The wells will form the main water source for the project. The contract also calls for drawing up irrigation and drainage networks according to latest international methods. The networks will be the covered type fully serving the project's site, he said.

Other works included in the contract are tanks for controlling the distribution of water, workshops, housing units for administrative staff, digging and operating major drainage channels for storm water and building pumping stations and water towers to help in distribution.

The project is expected to have a considerable impact on the reclamation of large agricultural land and help solve problems arising from salinity and high level of subterranean water. About 1,600 hectares of agricultural land are to be reclaimed.

Meanwhile, Dr. Al-Sheikh also signed Tuesday a SR13.6 million contract for building a dam at Nabhania area. The contract, awarded to a Saudi Arabian company, calls for completion of work within 18 months. Nabhania is located 130 kilometers west of Unaizah on the main Madinah to Riyadh highway.

The proposed dam will feed the subterranean layers from storm water, in addition to shielding villages and towns in the area from hazards of flooding.

The dam, made of reinforced concrete-covered sand with controlled outlet lets, will have a length of 250 meters and height of 7.25 meters.

The two outlets will be sealed with steel gates to help store half-a-million cubic meters of water in the dam. The gates will be opened and closed to regulate the outflow of water.



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# Australia supports Palestinian state

CAIRO, April 6 (AFP) — Australia backs the creation of a Palestinian state, to exist alongside Israel, Australian Foreign Minister Tony Street said in an interview Tuesday with *Al Ahram* Newspaper.

Street, who flew home this week after visits to Israel and Egypt, said that the Palestinian issue was the "heart of the Mideast problem", and no durable peace was possible without a solution to it. However, the foreign minister told *Al Ahram*, which closely reflects Cairo government thinking, that Australia would not recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) until the PLO recognized Israel's right to exist.

On Israeli-Egyptian relations, Street said that his impression was that their only difference was on the question of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza. Turning to his country's economic relations with

Egypt, the foreign minister said trade had increased by 800 percent over the last 10 years, and noted that some 16,000 Egyptians lived and worked in Australia.

Street said in Melbourne he plans to resume the Middle East tour which he cut short to attend an important meeting of Australia's ruling Liberal Party this week. He said the curtailment of the trip would not damage chances of resuming talks later in the year. "It will be a matter of timing but I am definitely going back," he said.

Street was the first Australian foreign minister to visit the Middle East for 16 years.

Street had already visited Israel and Egypt but was unable to visit Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Qatar. Official sources said this prevented him hearing the views of those countries opposed to the Camp David peace accords.

## Ecevit's trial set for April 29

ANKARA, April 6 (Agencies) — Former Turkish Premier and Social Democrat leader Bülent Ecevit will be brought to trial April 29 following a decision Tuesday by the Ankara Martial Law Command, informed sources here said.

Ecevit, who faces a possible seven-month jail sentence, is accused of violating National Security Council decision banning political discussions. The basis for the accusation is an interview Ecevit gave to the Dutch television and an article in German weekly.

In his article, Ecevit criticized the ruling National Security Council for betraying the legacy of Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey. The former premier also expressed his disappointment with the dissolution of the Republican People's Party which was founded by Ataturk before the Turkish Republic in 1923.

Ecevit was sentenced to three months in jail last October by the Ankara Martial Law Court. He had been found guilty of violating the same decree by distributing a statement

to representatives of the foreign press in Ankara.

Meanwhile, the Istanbul chief military prosecutor has decided to close an investigation of former Turkish Premier Suleyman Demirel, judiciary sources announced. The Istanbul Martial Law Command had ordered an investigation of Demirel, who heads the Conservative Justice Party, for publication of an article by him in the weekly *Hayat*.

In another development, nine prisoners have been hospitalized with serious injuries following an overnight row at the Erzurum civilian jail in eastern Turkey, informed sources here said in Ankara Tuesday. The fight reportedly began around midnight, but security forces were prevented by prisoners from entering the wards until this morning. Beds, tables and chairs were broken in the fight, the sources said. There was no immediate comment from official sources on the dispute, which reportedly resulted in heavy injuries to six rightist and three leftist inmates of the jail.

## Trial of Bahrain plotters adjourned

BAHRAIN. April 6 (R) — The trial of 73 persons, mostly Bahrainis, accused of involvement in an Iran-backed plot against the Bahrain government, was adjourned for the third time after a one-day hearing Monday, government officials said Tuesday.

They declined to give reasons for the postponement of the date of the next hearing. The civilian court met Monday after a nine-day adjournment. The first adjournment for two weeks was requested by defense lawyers when the trial began March 13. Foreign journalists have been refused permission to

attend the trial, which is being held in a prison in a remote fishing village.

The prosecution has accused the men of belonging to an illegal organization and possessing arms and explosives. Two of them were also charged with anti-state activities in the service of a foreign power.

The government has said that the men had planned to kill senior government officials, seize public installations and declare an Iranian-style Islamic revolution last December.

## Paris excludes PLO role in Israeli murder

PARIS, April 6 (R) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson said Tuesday there was no proof the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) had been involved in Saturday's murder here of an Israeli diplomat and he ruled out closure of the PLO's Paris office.

Speaking on French radio, Cheysson said: "We do not believe there will be peace in the Middle East without negotiation. It is advantageous to let the PLO have an office here so it can speak for the Palestinian people."

The Socialist minister also said France rejected violence but could not protect every public place. Several thousand French Jews and their supporters demonstrated in central Paris Monday demanding closure of the PLO office.

## BRIEFS

COLOMBO. (R) — Sri Lanka has decided to grant full embassy status to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) mission, the foreign ministry said Tuesday. The mission in Colombo has previously been at "representative" level.

NEW DELHI. (AFP) — United States ambassador to India, Harry G. Barneson, warned here that if Pakistan used American supplied arms against India, it would jeopardize Islamabad-Washington relations.

PEKING. (AFP) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid will pay an official visit to Communist China April 25 to 29. The Algerian embassy in Peking said Tuesday. Chadli, who succeeded President Houari Boumediene in February 1979, plans to visit Yugoslavia and India before coming to China, the embassy said.

MADRID. (R) — Madrid police have said they had arrested seven Iranians and seized hashish in their possession worth \$2 million.

ANKARA. (R) — The trial of four Palestinian who stormed the Egyptian Embassy in Ankara in 1979 was adjourned Tuesday while forensic experts try to determine their ages. No date was given for the hearing.

CAIRO. (AP) — The Egyptian government Monday referred 47 persons accused of being Communists to the Supreme State Security Court on charges of plotting to "overthrow the regime by force." They included lawyers, publishers, printshop workers and university students, including two of Sudanese citizenship.

BEIRUT. (AP) — An Italian emissary delivered a message to Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem from his Italian counterpart Emilio Colombo dealing with the tense situation in the Middle East as well as bilateral relations, government sources here reported.

## Kabul reduces age limit for military enlistment

NEW DELHI, April 6 (AP) — Babrak Karmal, Afghanistan's president, Monday reduced the age of compulsory military service from 21 to 19, Kabul radio reported.

The Afghan army — its ranks reportedly depleted by casualties and defections — is estimated to have a strength of 25,000 to 30,000, down from 90,000 three years ago.

The Pushtu-language newscast, monitored here, said that under an amendment to the military service, students who are conscripted while in 10th grade would be awarded high school graduation certificates without taking examinations. Eleventh A grade draftees, besides getting graduation certificates, also would be eligible to join universities without appearing for admission tests after their two-year service with the armed forces, the broadcast added.

**Floods claim many lives in South Yemen**

PARIS, April 6 (AFP) — Many persons have died in the worst floods to hit South Yemen in 40 years, the country's ambassador said here Tuesday.

The disaster was made public Sunday when Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev sent a message of sympathy to his South Yemeni counterpart Ali Nasser Muhammad. The Yemeni ambassador's statement said three governorships (Aden, Lahej and Habban) suffered the most considerable material damage and loss of life.

"Villages, bridges and dams have been completely destroyed, and there are numerous victims from villages which have been wiped out," the embassy statement said.

President Ali Nasser visited the flood-stricken areas to supervise rescue operations, the statement said.

**14 injured in Iran pipeline fire**

TEHRAN, April 6 (AFP) — Fourteen persons were injured by a fire which raged for several hours in northern Iran after an Iranian-Soviet gas pipeline was blown up near Rudbar, south of Rasht on the Caspian Sea, "for unknown reasons," press reports said Tuesday.

The fire late Sunday, which threatened a nearby village, was brought under control after several hours, the newspaper *Kayhan* said. The gas was heading for the Caspian Sea town of Astara, straddling the Iranian-Soviet border, through a pipeline, which takes gas from Iran to the Soviet Union, a reliable source said.

## Tunisian premier calls for special OAU session

DAKAR, April 6 (AFP) — Tunisian Premier Muhammad Mzali left here Monday after calling for a special Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit meeting to settle the row over the (western) Saharan Arab Democratic Republic's contested admission to the OAU.

He told a press conference at the end of a four-day visit to Senegal that Tunisia would "back any efforts aimed at saving the OAU" and African unity. A joint communiqué formally called for a speedy settlement of the conflict in the former Spanish colony between Morocco and the fighters. Internationalization of the conflict risked harming security in north Africa and the rest of the continent, it said.

Mzali and his Senegalese counterpart, Habib Thiam, stressed the need to give a new boost to Afro-Arab cooperation.

Western diplomats have reported that for the enrolment in the army of young men below the draft age is commonplace in Afghanistan where an estimated 90,000 Soviet troops are fighting to quell a stubborn insurgency.

In another development, a fire at an Afghan refugee camp near Peshawar in North-West Pakistan Monday gutted more than 150 huts with one refugee girl burnt to death, Radio Pakistan reported. Afghan refugees were recently supplied oil-stoves for cooking on behalf of several relief organizations. Fire engines from Peshawar and adjoining areas fought the blaze for three hours, the radio said.

According to a refugee commissioner, about 100 tents, 500 blankets and food supplies have been sent as an immediate relief for the fire-affected people. The Saudi Arabian Red Crescent Society has also donated tents, the radio said.

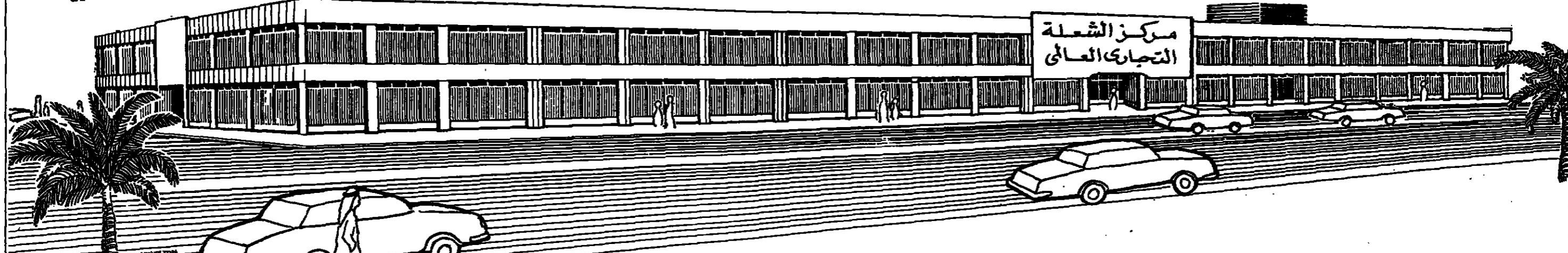


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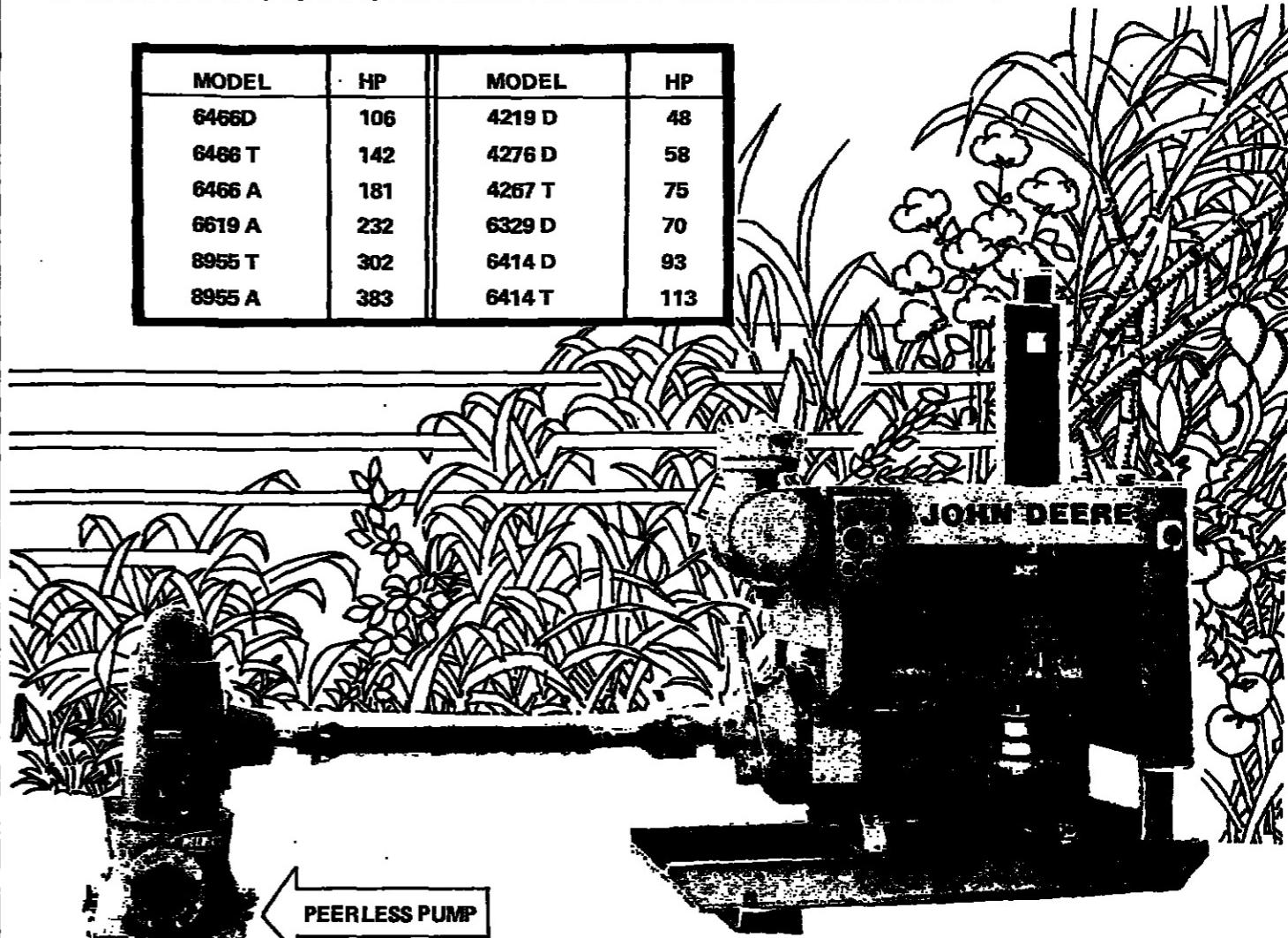
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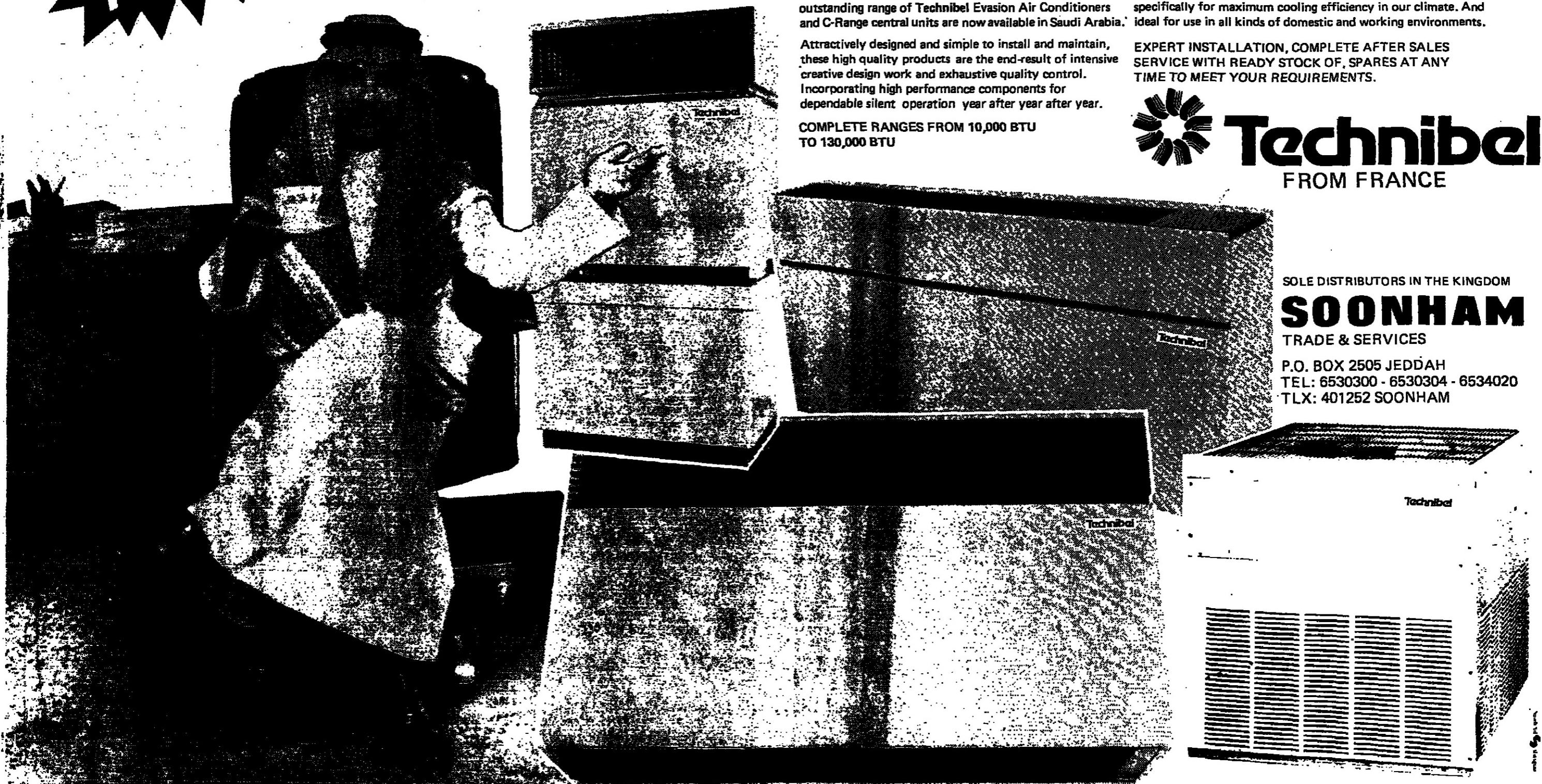


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## FIGHT FOR WEST BEIRUT

Following the "hot" phase of the Lebanese civil war in 1975-1976, the situation in the areas controlled by the rightist Lebanese Front developed in such a way that actual power in the day to day running of affairs as well as in the overall political control became concentrated in the hands of Bashir Gemayel's Phalangist Party. This was achieved at the cost of a mini-civil war within the Front, in which the Phalangists' main adversary was Camille Chamoun's Liberal Party.

The development was, of course, carefully noted on other side of divide, in what is called the "left wing" or "Muslim" areas, in which power remained diffused, with the corresponding escalation of chaos on both the security and service fronts. The situation in west Beirut has deteriorated to such an extent that the question is being asked on whether a "Gemayel" solution is viable.

The question is a particularly somber one, given the 800 killed as the Phalangists and Liberals resolved the question of overall control by fighting. In any case, it is pointed out that the diversity of political movements and confessional allegiances would make such a solution impossible to achieve.

This however does not seem to have deterred the Lebanese Communist Party, together with some other leftist groupings, from putting the point on the agenda—with the consequent objection from other parties and groups, for whom there can be no comparison between the two areas. The move is seen by the rest as an attempt by the Communists and leftists to gain control of west Beirut, and as such is bound to be resisted strongly..

## Saudi Arabian press review

The Saudi Arabian-Yemeni relations in the light of the upcoming visit to Sanaa by Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, the Iran-Iraq conflict, Libyan leader Qaddafi's irrational acts and the deteriorating situation in the Middle East were the main subjects of editorial comment in Tuesday's newspapers.

Dealing with Prince Sultan's visit to Sanaa Wednesday, *Otaf* said it would pave way for further strengthening of bilateral relations in all spheres between the two brotherly states.

On the same subject, *Al-Bilad* said the visit reflected unique characteristics of a joint vision ensuring welfare and progress for the two peoples in harmony with what it called their "deep-rooted historic ties."

*Al-Madina* said the existing strong Saudi Arabian-Yemeni relations were based on the Kingdom's firm principles and commitment toward backing the brotherly Arab and Muslim countries.

*Al-Jazirah* dealt with the Iraq-Iran conflict and stressed the paramount necessity of backing Iraq as "Muslim man" is now ruled by reckless ruler like Khomeini whose actions have disregarded the sublime Islamic faith and the

teachings of Sharia."

The paper said Khomeini ignored the calls of the Muslim nation to halt the unfortunate war between the two countries "because of Khomeini's failure to exercise any control over the Iranian armed forces and his malicious designs to keep the armed forces busy in fighting".

The paper warned of serious consequences "if the hostilities are escalated further" and said this might invite foreign intervention and drag the Gulf region in the spheres of superpowers' conflict.

*Al-Riyad* strongly deplored the grave developments in the Gulf and Arab arena created by the launching of what it called the game of ideological slogans designed by Libyan leader Qaddafi with the purpose of fomenting subversion and chaos at the instructions of the Communists.

Dealing with the current Arab developments, *Al-Nadwa* said the Arabs should settle their differences and unify their ranks to face Israeli threats in the region.

The paper said the biased attitude adopted by some powers at the United Nations was the natural outcome of differences among the Arab states. — (SPA)

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## Economic woes may trigger new coup in Ghana

By Nicholas Kristof

ACCRA—Rawlings, a 34-year-old who first seized power in 1979 before turning over the government to Limann, has declared a war on corruption, which is termed *Kalabule* here. *Kalabule* means not only graft but also charging more than an honest price.

The assaults in this war have included the banning of the 50 cent note, the largest in circulation, to mop up excess liquidity while striking a blow at wealthy businessmen. The government has also ordered a sharp reduction in prices.

Recently women traders were flogged for overcharging in the street markets and in several cities, including Accra, street markets have been demolished in the war against *kalabule*.

The unintended result is that goods are no longer available. Merchants are naturally unwilling to sell at the loss-making official prices. Bread is impossible to buy and grocery store shelves are often empty. Enormous queues form for gasoline, with owners leaving their cars in the queue for the night. Food shortages are likely to grow worse until July when the next harvest reaches the market.

Frustration could have boiled over by then. Some blood already had been shed. "The government claims only 16 persons have been killed. That's nonsense," said one observer. "Some say more than 2,000 have been killed. My best guess is 100 to several hundred deaths."

Disappearances are common, as are reports of bodies being discovered. These have not been official executions but freelance rampages by soldiers. Despite stern warnings from Rawlings, many soldiers have used their new authority to settle grudges.

One man in Tema was shot dead when he stepped outside his house after curfew, in Kumasi, Maj. Joe

Darko interrupted a church service to exhort the congregation to fill potholes in the street. The churchgoers fell upon him and beat him to death, whereupon local soldiers killed the pastor and several members of the congregation.

Of the 150 officials arrested after the coup, about 100 have been released. The government has not decided what to do with the remaining 50. Executives are considered unlikely. Limann is under house arrest and is reported in good health.

People's defense committees have been established in each town to root out *kalabule* by interviewing and fining dishonest merchants. Sometimes the interviews have involved beatings and diplomats say they are concerned that house-to-house inspections planned soon may result in more violence.

Ghana's relations with Libya and the Eastern bloc have bloomed since the coup, and anti-Western feeling has risen with support of the government.

The only escape for Ghana from its current turmoil, Western diplomats say, is to gulp down the bitter medicine offered by the International Monetary Fund.

In exchange for a massive IMF aid package, the cedi would have to be steeply devalued. Officially the present rate is 2.75 to the U.S. dollar, but on the black market a dollar buys 30 or more cedis. Devaluation would push up prices dramatically.

Rawlings may be Ghana's last hope to adopt the IMF program. "He doesn't have to worry about votes. He's got to worry about results. Theoretically, he should be better able to devalue," one Western diplomat said. (ONS)

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Highlights in history on this date:

1652—Dutch under Van Riebeek found Cape Town in South Africa.

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1879—Turkey declares war on Greece.

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1934—Mahatma Gandhi suspends civil disobedience campaign in India; the Soviet Union and Finland extend nonaggression pact for ten years.

1936—Cape parliament passes native representation bill permitting natives to elect three Europeans to represent them in union parliament in South Africa.

1945—U.S. carrier planes sink Japan's largest battleship, the *Izumo*, in World War II.

1961—U.N. General Assembly condemns South Africa's policies in Southwest Africa.

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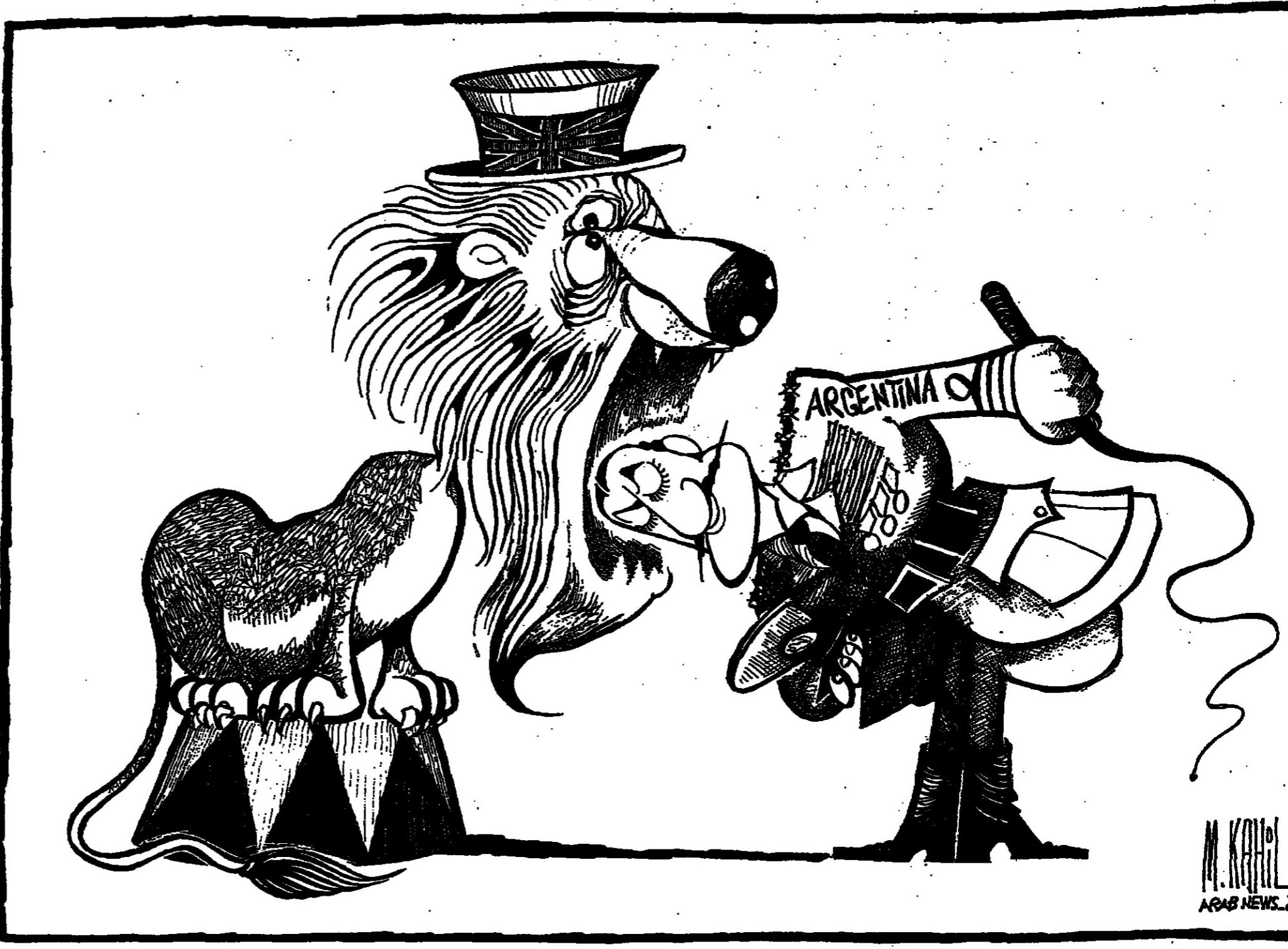
1974—Major oil-producing countries meeting in Geneva decide to set up fund for developing nations hard hit by higher petroleum prices.

1980—Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini announces that U.S. hostages will remain in militants' hands pending decision by Iranian parliament. U.S. President Jimmy Carter breaks diplomatic relations with Tehran and orders trade embargo.

1981—It is announced that Warsaw Pact military maneuvers off Polish border have ended, and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev says he believes Polish government can best solve its own labor crisis.

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Developing nations asked

## Continue past practice, honor the 'third agers'

By Manolo B. Jara

MANILA (Depthnews) — The French have coined a term for it, *troisième âge* or "third age." It refers to that phase in life following infancy and maturity when one reaches 60 and is thus considered "aged" or "elderly."

Usually in the industrialized world, when one is elderly, one is considered helpless and useless with only one solution: consign him to a geriatric hospital or to a home for the aged.

Not so in many developing countries. There the "third agers" are traditionally accorded a place of honor in the community. In fact, in these countries, wisdom is still equated with age and the elderly are often considered to be the natural statesmen of the village.

And this is precisely what Director-General Hafdan Mahler of the World Health Organization has warned the Third World to guard against. He said: "... there is a real danger that the mistakes, made elsewhere, of excluding the aged from the life of the community will be repeated.

"Just when the most industrialized countries are rediscovering the human worth of

the aged and trying to allow them to live within the community and outside of institutions, whenever possible, it would be tragically ironic if developing nations were to discard their own traditions which accord a place of honor to the aged."

Dr. Mahler's fears seem well-founded. Many developing countries are now undergoing rapid changes as they industrialize and large portions of their population move into big towns and cities. In such a situation, traditions are discarded, leaving their "third agers" on the lurch.

Dr. Mahler's warning gains added significance because of the growing number of the elderly. Estimates place the world's aging population in 1980 at roughly 370.8 million or 8.4 percent of the total population of 4.4 billion. With declining mortality rate, their number is expected to reach 582.7 million or 9.4 percent of the projected 6.1 billion population by the year 2000.

In Asia, the world's most populous region, "third agers" will total about 280 million by the year 2000, or nearly half of the world's elderly population. As a result, Asia is approaching the threshold of a dramatic change in its age structure, said a United



WORLD HEALTH DAY: Public attention on the rights of the aging is being focused on today by the World Health Organization. WHO urges that attention should be focused on adding life to years. It emphasizes that the old and the very young can share many gifts and the relationship can be one of the most rewarding in life.

Nations study.

According to the study, while the total population will increase by about 52 percent, the over-60 age group will increase at a far rapid rate of about 102 percent. This makes them the fastest growing segment of the world's population, giving rise to a number of problems.

For this reason, the U.N. is sponsoring a World Assembly of the Aging in Vienna from July 26 to Aug. 6 this year. One of the assembly's major functions is to underscore the

unique social and economic circumstances being experienced by the elderly population to government decision makers "as well as the need to include the aged in the social, economic and political programming of society."

Toward this end, the U.N. organized regional forums on the problems of the aged and how best they could be helped. The Asia-Pacific regional forum was held in Manila last October.

In the conference, Asian participants stressed that the welfare of the "third agers" is a pressing problem which should be given serious attention before it becomes too late.

They were emphatic in saying that "Care for the aging should be provided within the family, and the institutionalization of the aging should be strongly resisted." Again, this is in obvious reference to the usual practice in the industrialized world to consign their "third agers" to homes of the aged or geriatric hospitals.

The emphasis, the participants said, should be community-based and given utmost family involvement — as is now the case in the care of the elderly in many developing nations.

They warned that the institutionalization of the aged would only hasten their mental and physical deterioration.

For aging is indeed a vulnerable period.

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Saturday April 10: The ideal diastolic blood pressure

## Another Look

### Americans want tough candidates

By Robert Youman

"Begin's Hawkishness May Annoy the U.S., But Soviets Love It... His Political Strength Grows" — Headline in Wall Street Journal.

over the defense budget?"

Rep. Bean knows perfectly well, replies Rep. Dean, that he only voted against certain boondoggle weapons systems that wouldn't frighten anyone except the taxpayers. There is no cause for Rep. Bean to impugn the patriotism of a colleague simply because he was trying to keep huge and unwarranted arms profits out of the pockets of Rep. Bean's campaign contributors.

Rep. Bean allows us how an examination of his opponent's campaign contributors would provide the voters with some interesting reading. Is it or isn't true that a well-known pornographer donated funds for Rep. Dean's re-election?

Rep. Dean says that the man to whom his rival is probably referring was the publisher of a poetry book to which one school board had raised some objections. If Rep. Bean was that concerned over obscenity why hadn't he supported Rep. Dean's bill amending the First Amendment to permit the outlawing of pornography?

Because Rep. Dean knew perfectly well that his bill was a publicity stunt that didn't stand chance of passing, Rep. Bean replies. It reminds him of another bill sponsored by Rep. Dean that would give free guns to members of veterans organizations.

Rep. Dean is delighted that his colleague has mentioned guns, since Rep. Bean's voting record shows that he is eager to disarm Americans under the guise of gun control. That charge is a bald-faced lie, Rep. Bean snarls, and shows the depths to which a desperate candidate will descend to bamboozle an audience.

Rep. Dean shouts that the audience isn't made up of sissies, like certain of his colleagues who would rather use tax money to make life comfortable for welfare bums than to make life safer for our soldiers by giving them the weapons they need.

Rep. Bean, rising, asks whether that is an attack on him.

Rep. Dean, also rising, yells that if the shoe fits Rep. Bean should wear it.

The moderator breaks up the fight and announces that the rest of the hour will consist of a band concert recorded earlier.

Sunday April 11: The moderator's speech was recorded earlier.

### BONE TUMOR OR STRESS FRACTURE?

**Dear Dr. Steinicrohn:** We suffered sleepless nights worrying that our 12-year-old son might have bone cancer. At first the doctors were uncertain of the diagnosis.

Bobby complained of swelling and pain in the calf of his right leg. He had recently taken up running and admitted he was overdoing it. We thought it was only a muscle pull. But X rays showed the swelling was due to a healing bone growth. At first it looked like a bone tumor. Thankfully, the trouble arose from a stress fracture and not to tumor. What a relief! — Mrs. M.

**Dear Mrs. M.:** You have good reason to be ecstatic. According to a report from Duke University Medical Center by Dr. Richard H. Daffner and associates, stress fracture of the upper calf bone (tibia) is sometimes mistaken for a bone tumor.

These have been showing up lately in X rays of young runners. The doctors report four cases in boys aged 11, 13, 15 and 21.

All had experienced pain and swelling in the upper calf for at least a month. X rays and bone scans confirmed the diagnosis. The authors believe that this type of fracture is more common than realized. It's probably due to increased and imbalanced muscle-pulls while running or jogging.

MÉDICALETTES  
(Replies to and from readers)

**For Mrs. L.:** Your son's doctor is not being stubborn in refusing to restrict foods containing artificial food colors, artificial flavors and salicylate-containing foods. Although some believe that these special diets help hyperactive children, many more physicians do not recom-

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By Peter J.

Steinicrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

mend that these substances be eliminated from the diet.

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**For Mrs. G.:** Readers begin to tire of warnings from doctors that tobacco is a killer. Perhaps, then, you'll listen to a layman.

Recently, 231 members of the House of Representatives voted to continue federal tobacco price supports. New York Times writer Anthony Lewis observed: "They voted to subsidize a commodity that will bring thousands of Americans inexorably to a painful and utterly unnecessary death."

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**For Mr. V.:** As a member of an Arthur Conan Doyle club, you'll be interested in the following observations disclosed in the JAMA by Dr. Alvin E. Rodin and Jack D. Key.

When he was about 26, as a requirement for obtaining his medical degree, he wrote a medical thesis on tabes dorsalis (a degeneration of the nerve columns of the spinal cord caused by syphilis).

Two years later he published his first Sherlock Holmes story: "A Study in Scarlet." He was a ship's surgeon for about a year. He turned to full-time writing in 1891 and returned to medical practice only briefly.

His service treating British soldiers in the Boer War in South Africa led to his being knighted in 1902. Therefore, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

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## Angola fears attack by S. African forces

LISBON, April 6 (AP) — Angola said today South Africa has stepped up raids for reconnaissance patrols on its territory in the past week, preparation for a massive armed incursion similar to that launched Pretoria against the West African state last year.

An official statement released by the defense Ministry in Luanda, the Angolan capital, alleged the South Africans had violated Angolan air space 50 times during the few days of March.

The preparation of a new aggression by Pretoria's regime against Angola, launched from neighboring Southwest Africa, will meet with a firm response from the entire Angolan population," said the statement, read by the Angolan national news agency.

### French couple told to remove pet lion

NANTES, Western France, April 6 (AP) — A couple with 10 children living in a state-owned apartment block were Tuesday ordered to remove their nine-month-old lion, Elsa, as neighbors had complained it was dangerous.

Elsa was bought from a zoo, when a cub, for \$500 but today he weighs 90 kilos. Her owners said that Elsa lives in perfect harmony with their 10 children, six cats, two dogs and a duck.

The couple have been given until the end of the month to rid their flat of Elsa. The administrators of their flat said: "It is unthinkable that a lion can be kept in a flat when she will soon weigh 120 kilos and be a menace to the family as well as their neighbors."

### Soviets deny chemical weapons use

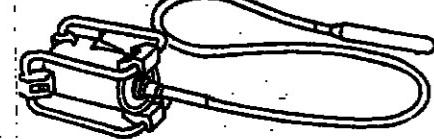
MOSCOW, April 6 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union Monday protested to the United States over U.S. allegations that it had delivered chemical weapons for use in Afghanistan and Southeast Asia, embassy sources said.

The sources said Ambassador Arthur Hartman was summoned to the Foreign Ministry Monday and handed a formal note of protest. A text of the note, published by the official Tass news agency, said the United States had made its accusations to cover up its own use of chemical weapons in Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea.

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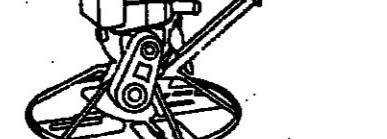
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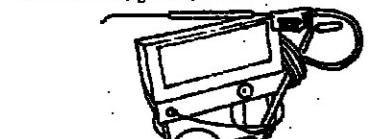
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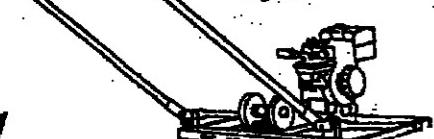
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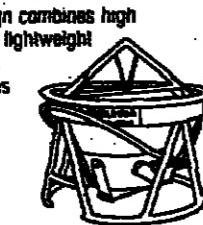
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## White rhinos seen in Uganda

KAMPALA, April 6 (AFP) — Two white rhinos have been seen in the Ajai game reserve in northwestern Uganda where rhinos thought to have been wiped out by poachers years ago, the official *Uganda Times* said Tuesday. The two will be transferred to the nearby Kabalega national park where they will be kept under strict government protection from poachers, the newspaper said.

Rhinos were feared to have been obliterated in Uganda in the late 1970s as the rhino horn fetched high prices in the Middle and Far East. Before the rhinos were spotted, the government was negotiating with Polish authorities to buy back a pair of rhinos, exported in the 1960s, at a cost of \$1 million each, the paper said.

It also said that the number of elephants in the Kabalega and Rwenzori national parks, bordering on eastern Zaire, had increased sharply over the past year. Anti-poaching patrols have been bolstered in the past two years with help from the United Nations Development Program, West Germany and ecology groups, the paper said.

### Heath urges removal of U.S.-China strain

PEKING, April 6 (AP) — Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath told a news conference here Tuesday he believed a deterioration of U.S. relations with Communist China over arms sales to Nationalist China (Taiwan) would not affect Europe's relations with China, but might cause greater friction between Europe and the United States.

"That is obviously one of the reasons we are so anxious about it, and very keen that the strain should be removed and the previous situation of the last few years, which had been progressing satisfactorily, should be restored," he said.

Asked Deng's reaction to the recent proposal by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to improve Sino-Soviet relations and resume stalled border talks, Heath said: "He laughed." China has denounced Brezhnev for attacking China in his remarks on relations, and said improvement will depend on deeds, not words.

Heath said he told Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua that Britain attaches importance to improved relations between China and India, and found Huang "rather optimistic."

Huang said the first round of talks had gone well and he believed that "the faster they could make progress with matters of mutual benefit, then the easier it would become to deal with the boundary problem," Heath said. "I was rather encouraged by this," he added.

## Soviets, Yugoslavs agree on removal of obstacles

BELGRADE, April 6 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union and Yugoslavia have agreed that their relations were good, but constant efforts were needed to ensure the timely removal of possible obstacles, Yugoslav officials said.

Visiting Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Yugoslav Foreign Minister Josip Vrhovec reached this conclusion in two days of talks since Gromyko's arrival here Sunday. They also agreed that contacts at all levels helped to clarify differences between the two countries on "certain open world issues," the officials said.

The officials did not elaborate, but this appeared a clear reference to Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and Vietnam's role in Kampuchea, both of which have featured in Yugoslav criticism of Soviet policies. Gromyko was the first senior member of the Soviet leadership to visit Yugoslavia since President Tito's death nearly two years ago.

The officials said Gromyko discussed Yugoslav-Soviet economic cooperation with Prime Minister Veselin Djuricovic and Vrhovec. Details would be reviewed at a session of a joint economic committee due to be held later this month.

### Romania urges Balkan talks

VIENNA, April 6 (R) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu has called for a Balkan summit to discuss problems facing the region, once considered the power keg of Europe.

In a toast to visiting Turkish President Kenan Evren at a banquet in Bucharest Monday night, the Romanian leader said the meeting should discuss ways of surmounting existing problems, of building confidence and of strengthening cooperation and peace in the Balkans.

"Such a meeting is possible and would be an important positive act in the life of the whole continent," President Ceausescu said, according to official sources.

The idea of a wide-ranging Balkan summit, which has been raised before, is likely to meet opposition from orthodox Communist Bulgaria. Sofia has said it is prepared to take part

Expanding commerce between the countries, expected to total more than \$7 billion this year, has helped Yugoslavia to overcome serious economic problems. But officials in Belgrade have expressed concern about apparent shifts in Soviet demand for Yugoslav goods and reported shortfalls in Soviet oil and gas supplies. They are also concerned about the possible consequences of over-dependence on Moscow as Yugoslavia's No. 1 trading partner.

Meanwhile, police in Yugoslavia's southern Kosovo province Monday announced they will hold training exercises throughout the troubled region, where ethnic Albanians have been demonstrating for more political autonomy.

The announcement, carried by the state-run Tanjug News Agency, said Kosovo's police units, special federal anti-riot police, reservists and Communist Party activists will join in the training maneuver Tuesday.

The exercise comes after police dispersed about 200 demonstrators in the provincial town of Urosevac Saturday. Kosovo was the scene of bloody riots one year ago when at least nine persons were killed and over 250 injured.

### U.S. develops test for malaria strain

ATLANTA, April 6 (AP) — Researchers at the centers for disease control (CDC) say they have developed a new chemical procedure to readily identify drug-resistant malaria strains.

The Atlanta-based researchers, who described their work at the American Chemical Society's annual meeting last week in Las Vegas, said they believe the technique may help stop the spread of a new, drug-resistant malaria strain.

The ability to determine if a type of malaria is resistant to certain drugs would allow a doctor to administer alternate treatment quickly.

The CDC is working with the World Health Organization to make the procedure more widely available. The procedure enables a scientist to identify strains of a particularly virulent malaria type known as falciparum malaria, which have developed substantial resistance to chloroquine, the most widely used anti-malarial drug.

### Victims recovered from American plane

NORFOLK, Virginia, April 6 (AP) — The bodies of 11 U.S. Navy officers and men missing for three days were recovered Monday from the wreckage of their crashed cargo-passenger plane, military sources said.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said an American rescue team from the NATO base at Akrotiri joined navy search teams at first light to search the gorge where the C-1A trader aircraft crashed Friday.

By mid-day Monday the bodies of four crew members and seven passengers who were aboard the aircraft carrier *Dwight D. Eisenhower* were recovered, the sources said.

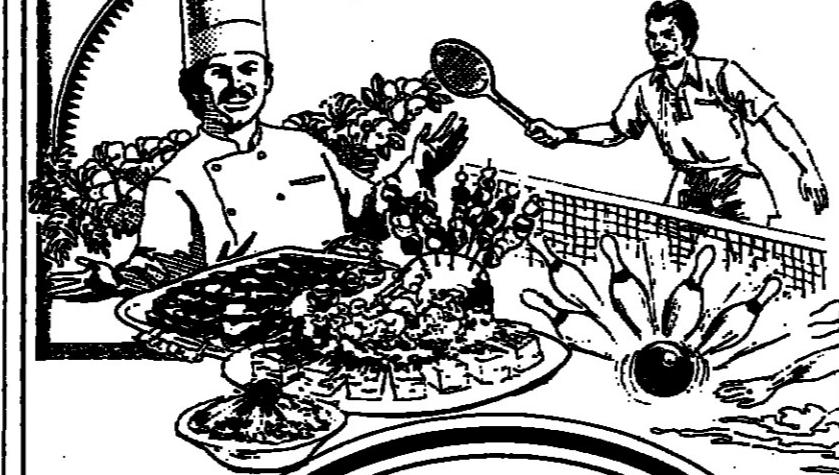
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CAMERINO, Central Italy (AFP) — Mrs. Jeannette May, the 41-year-old former baroness Evelyn de Rothschild, who vanished in a snowstorm last November and whose body was found last January, died from exposure and was not murdered, a coroner's court ruled here.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has agreed to militant Sikh demands to allow members of their bearded and turbanned community to carry daggers aboard domestic airline flights, a Sikh source said.

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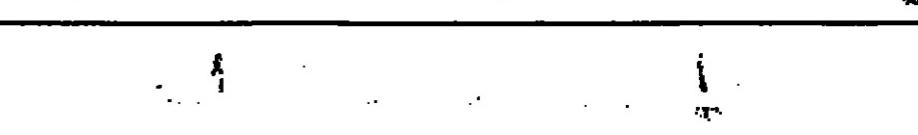


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# Reagan claims recession easing out

WASHINGTON, April 6 (R) — President Ronald Reagan said the worst of the U.S. depression was nearly over and that the country was on the verge of a major victory over inflation.

"There is good reason to believe the recession is bottoming out. We are on the verge of a major victory over inflation — the disease which has sapped our economic strength..." he told a convention of housing industry leaders, Monday.

But the labor leaders made clear they were losing patience with Reagan's economic policies, which they claim have cost one million construction workers their jobs in the last year.

Returning to the hotel where he was shot and wounded a year ago, President Reagan urged them to support his economic plan and repeated his opposition to any attempts to repeal his tax cuts or cut the defense build-up.

At the convention, AFL-CIO President Land Kirkland accused Reagan of "blind and rigid devotion to crank economic doctrines and 19th century ideology."

## Hungary to get IMF membership

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AFP) — The executive council of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recommended that Hungary be admitted as a member, but deferred decision on Poland's request for admission, it was reported here Tuesday.

The action on the Hungarian application means Hungary will likely be accepted for membership before the IMF's meeting in Helsinki next month. Poland's difficulties in meeting its foreign debts was seen as a stumbling block in its admission.

## World Bank lends Pakistan \$40m

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP) — Pakistan will borrow \$40 million from the World Bank to carry out a telecommunications project.

Announcing this Monday, the World Bank said the Asian Development Bank, West Germany and West German suppliers, and Japan also will provide financing.



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## Prelude to summit EEC to invite allies for talks

BRUSSELS, April 6 (AFP) — Japan, Canada and the United States are to be invited by the European Economic Community (EEC) to talk on international trade next month in Paris, an EEC Commission source said Tuesday.

Invitations are about to be sent for this gathering which is planned between a ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris on May 10 and 11, and the Western Economic summit at Versailles on June 7 and 8.

The EEC Commission source said the basic idea of the gathering was "to try to find a common language" ahead of the Versailles event at a time when the EEC is in conflict with the U.S. and Japan on various aspects of trade and pressure for protectionist measures is appreciable.

In a related development, some 150 top North American, Japanese and European business men and political leaders Tuesday concluded the meeting of the trilateral commission with discussions on economic relations with the Communist bloc and a look at U.S. economic policies.

Participants in the three-day meeting also discussed further a topic that has been a focus of this session of the nine-year-old organization — Japanese trade surplus with the other two partners in the commission.

Trade and defense, said former Chase Manhattan Bank chairman David Rockefel-

ler, are the two major sources of misunderstanding between the United States and Japan. In a post-session briefing Rockefeller added, however, that the degree of hard feelings between the two sides has been exaggerated. "just as in any family, one has squabbles and disagreements," he said.

Georges Berthoin, European chairman of the Trilateral Commission, said Japan, which in the past has tended to stay away from independent political and diplomatic stances displayed a leading role in the workings of the commission.

## France, Vietnam to view trade ties

HANOI, April 6 (AFP) — Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach begins a two-day official visit to Paris on April 8, for talks expected to center on economic and scientific cooperation.

French economic aid is second only to that of the Soviet bloc, while France is Vietnam's third Western trading partner after Singapore and Japan. France grants an average 200 million francs (\$33 million in long-term credits a year to Vietnam. Six major loan agreements have been signed, notably for the purchase of mechanical plant, or to cover balance of payments deficits. In trade, Vietnam sells agricultural oils, rubber, fish, wood and manufactured articles to France.

## Malaysia to establish Islamic bank

KUALA LUMPUR, April 6 (AP) — Malaysia will establish an Islamic bank soon. Deputy Prime Minister Musa Hitam told delegates to an international Islamic conference here Tuesday.

Under Islamic principles, there should be minimal or no interest, he said. Delegates from Indonesia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Libya, Iran and other countries are meeting here to discuss cooperation in the field of telecommunications.

Musa said the government had also received a good response to the proposal to set up an international Islamic university in Malaysia.

Under the proposal which Malaysia made to other Islamic nations last month, the university is to teach mainly Islamic subjects. The courses would be taught in English and Arabic.

## Bonn steel output rises by 3.1%

DUESSELDORF, April 6 (R) — West German crude steel production rose 3.1 percent in the first quarter of 1982 over the same period year-ago to 10.76 million tons, the Regional Bureau of the Federal Statistics office said.

Output in March rose to 3.88 million tons from 3.83 million in March 1981 and 3.49 million in February 1982. Production of crude iron rose 4.8 percent in the first quarter over the same 1981 period to 8.35 million tons.

Under a 1979-83 development plan GDP growth was targeted at an annual rate of 6.3 percent but this was scaled down to 5 percent because of world recession, higher oil prices, lower commodity returns and a widening bal-

## With trade deficit rising

## Kenya economy outlook dims

NAIROBI, April 6 (R) — The economy of Kenya, long regarded as an island of capitalist success in Africa, is in trouble.

The boom years of 1976-77, when prices of the major exports coffee and tea hit record peaks, have given way to a long lean spell and officials say the outlook is for more of the same.

Kenya has had years of political and economic stability since independence in 1963, in contrast to the political upheaval and financial crises in such neighbors as Uganda and Tanzania. Kenyan officials complain that foreign observers tend to use sterner criteria in assessing the country's performance.

Diplomats concede there is some truth in this, but there is general agreement among independent analysts that the economy is in poor shape and the only argument is whether or not it has hit the bottom of the trough.

The outward signs are serious and persistent trade deficit, a large shortfall in the current account balance of payments, a foreign exchange squeeze and sluggish growth well below official targets.

In addition there has been double-figure inflation for many years, government borrowing rose by more than 70 percent last year, and drought forced the government to import substantial amounts of food in 1980-81.

After independence gross domestic product (GDP) expanded at an average annual rate of 6.6 percent until 1973 but it then fell to around four percent until 1977, official figures show.

Under a 1979-83 development plan GDP growth was targeted at an annual rate of 6.3 percent but this was scaled down to 5 percent because of world recession, higher oil prices, lower commodity returns and a widening bal-

ance of payments deficit.

It proved an ambitious target: GDP growth — the total output of goods and services in the economy — in 1980 was 2.4 percent and is estimated to have been between 3.5 and four percent last year against a revised target of 5.9 percent, according to the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development.

Without oil, which accounts for 40 percent of gross foreign exchange outlay, the economy is dependent on commodity prices, depressed by recession, and tourism, which fell 0.4 percent in terms of beds occupied between January and October last year.

"The various indicators of primary commodity export prices are all showing substantial falls in 1981 compared with the position in 1980 and until these indicators start to point upwards, the economic prospects for most of the poorer countries will remain clouded and uncertain," Economic Planning Minister Zakary Onyonyika said in November.

With the rest of the world still grappling with recession and no recovery in demand on the horizon, the Kenyan government is working on a plan to reduce the balance of payments deficit and government spending.

The current account payments deficit for 1980 was 6.65 billion shillings (\$865 million) compared to 3.56 billion shillings (\$356 million) in 1979. Figures for last year are not yet available but officials say they will be poor.

The overall trade deficit for 1981 is expected to be 7.4 billion shillings (\$744 million), 16 percent down on the 1980 deficit of 8.8 billion shillings (\$880 million).

Kenyan officials say the improvement is partly due to two devaluations in February and September last year which reduced the currency's value by about 30 percent against the dollar.

## Clouds gather on Japan's economic horizon

TOKYO, April 6 (R) — Faced with a contraction in the all-important export market and sluggish demand from within, the Japanese "economic miracle," long the envy of less dynamic economies, is showing signs of slowing down.

A falling yen and a highly nervous stock market are the outward signs of a mounting concern about the ability of the Japanese economy to continue to achieve growth rates that for most other advanced economies, struggling against recession, have proved elusive.

The most recent pointer to a gathering of clouds on the economic horizon came with the release of the latest quarterly gross national product (GNP) figures, which showed that in the period from October to last December GNP fell by 0.9 percent, the first decline in nearly seven years.

Japanese officials concede that the decline, attributed chiefly to slower exports

and increased imports, will make it difficult for Japan to attain its target of a 4.1 percent expansion of the economy in the latest fiscal year, ending this month.

Apart from their threats of protectionism against a relentless export drive, Japan's trading partners are already beginning to reduce their purchases of Japanese goods, a fact underlined by the fall of 4.5 percent in Japan's exports in the latest October-December quarter.

Government and private economists say that while markets in the Middle East, Southeast Asia and South America are becoming increasingly important, their growth will not be sufficient to make up for contracting demand for Japanese exports from the more advanced trading partners in the West.

To maintain growth in the economy in spite of this, the Japanese government has taken steps to boost domestic demand. Jap-

anese economists say that the two concrete measures announced so far — a speeding up in public works expenditure in the new fiscal year and a boost to housing construction — will barely compensate for the fall-off in exports. Moreover, a reduction of 0.3 percent in long-term interest rates, expected to be announced next month, will give only a minor boost to the economy.

Apart from these steps, the government is divided over what future economic measures are desirable. Many inside the government, including Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, want to cut the overall level of government spending with the aim of balancing the budget by the end of 1984.

Others, notably the Economic Planning Agency (EPA) director-general, Toshio Komoto, favor the injection of more public money to stimulate demand and thereby increase government revenues.

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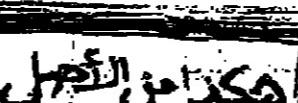
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## Banks reschedule Polish debt

FRANKFURT, April 6 (AFP) — The agreement for the rescheduling of Poland's non-guaranteed 1981 debt to the West was signed here Tuesday, the Dresdner Bank announced.

Of the \$2.4 billion due in respect of 1981, a four-year moratorium is applied to 95 percent and this will be followed by reimbursement in seven equal half-year portions. The remaining five percent is payable in 1982 in three stages on May 15, August 15 and Nov. 15. Interest is not rescheduled.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Poland's Deputy Finance Minister W. Bien, the president of the Handlowy External Trade Bank M. Minkiewicz, and representatives from 20 Western banks acting for 501 banks.

## Global exports dip, IMF says

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP) — The U.S. dollar value of world exports in 1981 declined from the 1980 figure of \$1,873 billion, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reported.

This represented the first annual decline in the dollar value of world trade since 1958, the IMF said Monday.

Consumer price inflation in industrial countries eased again in January when the 12-month rate of increase for the group was 8.9 percent compared with 9.3 percent in December and with an average 1981 rate of 9.9 percent, it said.

In the April issue of *International Financial Statistics*, its monthly publication, the IMF also said the industrial countries' foreign exchange reserves declined on balance, by \$3.5 billion in February. The largest loss was recorded by Italy with \$1.28 billion and the largest gain by Australia with \$300 million. For the industrial countries, there was an estimated export decline in 1981 of 2 percent in dollar terms.

"The January 1982 returns for 12 industrial countries indicate a continuing slowdown with combined export receipts nearly 19 percent below December 1981, but only 1 percent below January 1981," the IMF said. "For the oil exporting countries, the U.S.

On behalf of the Western banks, the agreement was signed by the Luxembourg subsidiary of the Dresdner Bank and 13 other banks coordinating the dossier in their various countries.

The document for the first time officially confirmed that the 501 Western creditor banks wish to discuss the rescheduling of the 1982 non-guaranteed debt. It also indicated that they are refusing moratorium on interest due this year, having adopted a similar position on 1981 interest.

The communiqué said nothing about the cost of rescheduling for Poland. Interest of LIBOR (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate) plus 1.75 percent is demanded for 1981 rescheduled sums until they are fully paid back, an informed source said. The actual

dollar value of exports may have dropped by as much as 9 percent despite an increase of 12 percent in the index of export unit value for the group between 1980 and 1981".

Most major trading nations, notably West Germany and Japan, experienced a substantial reduction in the U.S. dollar value of their exports and imports in January, the IMF said. Nine of the 12 industrial nations for which January data are available had trade deficits lead by France with \$1.9 billion and Japan with \$1.8 billion.

Only Australia and Finland of the 12 countries had higher exports than in December. Australia also was the only country to register higher imports in January, contributing to a \$421 million trade deficit for the month.

Other countries recording deficits were Austria with \$428 million, Denmark with \$213 million, Ireland with \$355 million, Sweden with \$124 million and Switzerland with \$131 million as well as France and Japan.

The IMF said the consumer price inflation deceleration in January was particularly noteworthy in Canada, but February data available for a few countries indicate a slight acceleration of Canadian prices as well as a pronounced slowing in Belgium and the United Kingdom.

rate of interest will be reviewed every six months. The document also said nothing about economic provisions under the agreement. An informed source said Poland is required to provide quarterly data on the Polish economic and monetary position.

The signing ceremony took place at the headquarters of the Dresdner Bank. This bank is officially appointed "international agent" of the Western banks, with instructions to supervise the execution of the agreement.

The document signed Tuesday is to remain confidential at the request of the Polish delegation. This delegation arrived in Frankfurt Monday to start discussions on rescheduling the debt repayments due in 1982. The discussions were expected to last for the rest of Tuesday.

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For the hard-pressed Polish economy, keeping up with these payments will be difficult, and bankers said that it was only with the material and financial aid of the Soviet Union that Poland managed to make up its arrears from last year.

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**Lendl made to struggle**

## McNamara falls at first hurdle

MONT CARLO, Monaco, April 6 (AP) — Top seed Ivan Lendl, who has just wrested the No. 2 spot in the world ranking from American Jimmy Connors, advanced to the second round of the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament with a 7-5, 6-2 victory Tuesday over Pedro Rebolledo of Chile.

"It was the first time I've played on clay since November," said the 22-year-old Czech, who saved two set points before taking the first set on an 8-6 tiebreaker.

West German Peter Elter, a 23-year-old ranked 107th, scored the first upset of the week-long tournament with a fast 6-3, 6-2 win Tuesday over fifth seed Peter McNamara of Australia, who is ranked ninth in the world.

Other seeded players fared better. No. 3 Seed Jose-Luis Clerc ousted Italian Gianni Odeppo 6-2, 7-5 after a difficult second set. The 23-year-old Argentine, ranked fifth, was down 5-1 before he made an amazing comeback — winning the next six games and taking the match on an ace.

Czech Tomas Smid, the No. 8 seed, had little difficulty in defeating Mario Martinez of Bolivia, 6-1, 6-3. No. 2 seed Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, No. 6 seed Yannick Noah of France and No. 7 seed Balazs Taroczy of Hungary were to play their first-round matches later Tuesday.

In two late matches Monday, Peruvian Pablo Arraya rallied to defeat American Jimmy Arias in a three-set thriller. Arraya scored a 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 verdict. In another

match, two former junior Wimbledon champions clashed. Frenchman Thierry Tulasne bested Indian Ramesh Krishnan 6-1, 6-4.

Lendl is trying for his third title at Monte Carlo and then plans to play in tournaments in Houston, Dallas, Madrid, Dusseldorf and Tokyo before the French Open begins in May. "I haven't yet decided if I'll play Wimbledon this year," Lendl said. "I'm not going to make a decision until around the French Open."

Lendl said he might like to rest for a month after the French Open, the first of the four Grand Slam events. "If I'm not tired after the French Open, I'll play Wimbledon," he said. "But if I am feeling tired, I'm going to be thinking about it. I've had a very heavy schedule — I haven't stopped for nearly three years."

He also criticized the organization at Wimbledon. "Obviously, Wimbledon is not the most favorite tournament for players," the Czech star said. "The players don't think they're treated well over there. For me, I need to practice a lot and they only allow me a half hour in the morning. It's ridiculous."

Bjorn Borg, now ranked sixth, also has not yet said if he plans to play at Wimbledon this year. The 25-year-old Swede won his first-round match Monday after having to qualify to enter the tournament because of his decision to play in less than 10 Grand Prix events this year. Borg and Lendl are expected to meet in the semifinals at Monte Carlo Saturday if neither of them suffer a defeat before

then. The \$60,000 title match is to be played Sunday.

Meanwhile in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Korean player Duk Lee overcame Britain's former Wimbledon champion Virginia Wade to advance to the second round of a women's international tennis tournament here Monday.

The 28-year-old Korean dropped the first set but went on to win a hard-fought 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 against Wade, 36. Twenty-two-year-old Anne Hobbs was another first-round British casualty, going out to Betsy Nagelsen of the United States, 1-6, 2-6.

Andrea Leand dropped just two games while handing Joyce Portman a 6-1, 6-1 drubbing in an all-American clash, while Romanian Virginia Ruzici downed American Kate Latham 6-3, 6-1 in other first round clashes. Chris Evert Lloyd, Martina Navratilova and Evonne Goolagong-Cawley are among the stars to participate in the \$200,000 tournament.

In New York Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, who captured consecutive tournaments in Rotterdam and Milan, was unanimously named Volvo Grand Prix player of the month for March by a panel of tennis writers.

Since the Volvo Masters Tournament in New York in January, Vilas has seen his Association of Tennis professionals' ranking jump from No. 6 to No. 4 in the world, moving past countryman Jose-Luis Clerc and Swede Bjorn Borg. At both Rotterdam and Milan, Vilas defeated No. 2-ranked Jimmy Connors in the finals.

### From World Cup Soccer

## Ted Croker denies move to withdraw

LONDON, April 6 (AP) — British World Cup plans are going ahead as scheduled, despite Britain's conflict with Argentina.

**Umpires' salary raised**

## Orioles, Cubs begin on impressive note

NEW YORK, April 6 (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles, Chicago Cubs and Major League umpires were winners Monday as the 1982 Baseball season opened in weather conditions more befitting football.

Eddie Murray's Grand Slam was one of the four homers by the Orioles as they defeated the Kansas City Royals 13-5 at Baltimore. A record regular season crowd of 52,034 saw the game, the first one completed in the majors this year.

The Cubs, who got homers from Keith Moreland and Bump Wills, defeated Cincinnati Reds 3-2 in eight innings in the traditional Major League opener at Riverfront Stadium. The game was delayed once by rain in the top of the eighth, and rain forced a halt to the game after eight innings were completed.

Earlier Monday, it was announced jointly by the umpires and the Baseball Association that the umpires had agreed on a four-year contract that raises their top salary to \$75,000 a year.

Richie Phillips, attorney for the Umpires' Union, said in New York that the contract represented an average increase of 40 percent in the first year and 60 percent over four years. For example, an umpire who earned the \$18,000 minimum last year would make



Eddie Murray... fine display

\$26,000 in 1982 and \$37,000 in the final year of the deal, Phillips said. "This contract places umpires in the top one percent of all salaried employees in this country," Phillips said.

## Bausano wins 10-km race

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 6 — Jim Bausano streaked away to his first win of the season getting the better of Dave Bosley in the Riyadh Road Runners 10 km race last weekend.

Thirty-six runners faced the starter on a cool humid morning and the flat course near the new airport site produced a fast race and many personal best times.

Dave Bosley set the early pace followed by Jim Bausano and Cumulative Championship leader John Langholz. Bosley maintained the fast pace through the halfway stage but later faded and Jim Bausano exerted pressure in the second half and took the lead at 8 kms and sprinted to finish with flying colors.

Bosley held on to the second place with John Langholz coming third ahead of the fast finishing Chris Vernon. Niya finished fifth having just held off a challenge by the

current Nejd Cross Country champion Tim Cox.

Having snatched the third berth, John Langholz maintained his dominance of the Cumulative Championship and now only Art Smith is tied with him on the distance. Gordon Nicol took over the third place from Wilf Deck and Gary Barker continues his climb up the ladder, moving into the fifth position. However, the runner who has taken the downward trend is Rod Taylor, who occupied the second spot a month ago and has slumped to eighth place.

Taylor won the 5 km event during the weekend clocking 18.47. He was followed by K. Lacy, C. Gracia and D. Sackett in that order.

The Cumulative Championship after twelve races, with six to go are: 1. John Langholz, 2. Art Smith, 3. Gordon Nicol, 4. Wilf Deck, 5. Gary Barker, 6. Richard Gray, 7. Dave Sarin, 8. Rod Taylor, 9. Ivor John and 10. John Mulholland.

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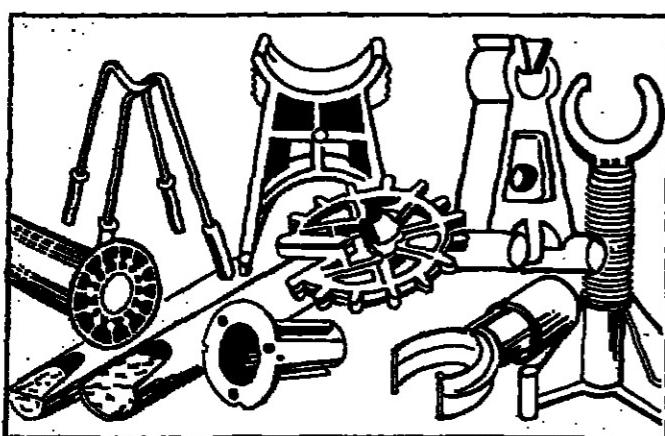
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## Keen tussle likely in baseball league

By Tom Martella  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 6 — Everyone's wondering about the usual things as the 1982 baseball season got off to a bright start.

Will the American League East bullies beat up on Toronto? (Probably.) Will that division have six or seven clubs above .500 for the second straight year? (It's a good bet.) Will George Steinbrenner find happiness with speed, and without Reggie? (George is never happy.) Will the Montreal Expos really do it this year, and next year, as one local observer sees it? (Yes.) Are the White Sox actually abandoning mediocritity? (Thanks to a busy checkbook, uh-huh.)

Are the Dodgers finally too old? (Uh, they've got a farm system...) Will Houston interest anyone outside of, well, Houston? (You've got to be kidding!) Will anybody recognize the Cincinnati Reds? (Seaver and Bench are back.) Will the Cubs find a new way to break Chicago's heart? (They've probably run out of ways.)

As the new season approached, Arab News scoured the city for the type of baseball fan who says he's having a sales meeting in box seats at the Orioles' opener. Sure, Anyway Potomac Pete (as he's known in some of the more interesting sections of Washington) came up with these views on '82:

"You've got the defending world champion Dodgers led by Cy Young Rookie of the Year Fernando Valenzuela," said Pete, failing to mention that the former holdout was blasted in his first spring-training start. "Los Angeles has got Jerry Reuss and Burt Hooton too, and some strong hitting in Steve Garvey, Dusty Baker and Steve Sax. Steve Sax is a second sacker, too. How about the sound of that?"

"The (Houston) Astros always lose in the playoffs, so you don't have to worry about them," Pete went on, obviously not swayed by brilliant Houston pitching

because of the rather dismal Houston hitting. "Lots of pitchers there, Nolan Ryan, who got his fourth no-hitter last year against, yeah, the Dodgers. Also Don Sutton, Vern Ruhle, Joe Niekro, Dave Smith, Joe Sambito." Six pitchers on Houston have been signed to multiyear deals that each surpass \$1 million.

"The Reds had the best overall record but didn't even make the playoffs," said Pete mirroring the incredulity that surrounded last year's split season because of a 60-day players' strike. "The Cincinnati outfit packed up for the Big Apple, George Foster heading for the Mets and Ken Griffey, Rick Reuschel. Rich 'Goose' Gosage out of the bullpen, with an earned run average last year of 0.77."

"The Orioles are depending on veteran starters Jim Palmer, Steve Stone, Mike Flanagan. On the hitting side, they got Cal Ripken, a kid they're looking to for great things this year." The Orioles are old, Pete admitted, but so were the Dodgers. And the Yankees.

The Brewers have the power but questionable pitching, despite Rollie Fingers and his ERA of 1.04. Detroit, counting again on scratching out runs, have Kirk Gibson, Alan Trammell, and Lou Whitaker at the plate, with manager Sparky Anderson aiming to play a speed game. Some say it won't work.

Then there's Cleveland, maybe a surprise story — but Potomac Pete's not backing the Indians. And no one should bank on the Red Sox, whose fans suffer more than any except the Cubs. "It could be a miracle, yeah a miracle," said Pete, assessing Boston's shot at the division title. "They score a lot of runs, but pitching is definitely a question. It would have to be an exceptional year from Mike Torrez and Dennis Eckersley to make a run. They do have Carney Lansford, who led the American League in batting at .336 last year. Pitching will tell the tale."

In the AL West, it's going to be more Billyball, Pete predicts. "Oakland will use the same innovation that (manager Billy) Martin's getting famous for," said Pete. "They'll rely on their starters (pitching), and the best outfield in baseball — and the acquisition of Davey Lopes solidifies their infield."

## BAC emerges as top Second Division team

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, April 6 — The captain is a guiding force in an aircraft. And it was aptly proved by Mike Walker, who piloted his side, British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) to the top of the Second Division of the Eastern Province Cricket League last weekend.

Mike Walker, who captained his side well, had a major hand in BAC's 31-run victory over SCECO Cricket Club. Apart from shrewd bowling changes and tight field placement, Walker struck four crucial blows at a personal cost of 47 runs to steer BAC out of sticky weather. But it was not a one-man show all together. His colleagues lent him a helping hand when the going got a bit rough.

And collectively, though the responsibility lay on the captain, they saw BAC through.

BAC, making the first use of the Abhsain's strip, were cautious at the offset.

Though there was no flamboyance in the innings, the steady approach saw the innings progress.

Yusuf Aziz and M. Kalim, both scoring 39 runs, led all scorers. A valuable 35 by J. Petris and an unbeaten 19 by Peter Skelton boosted the BAC to a modest total of 201 for seven when the allotted 30 overs had been bowled.

SCECO began splendidly in its chase of a target, by no means a stiff one, with openers Prem Kumar and Amjad Pervaiz taking roots. SCECO flourished under their door

play till disaster struck. Prem Kumar left for 25 and was soon followed by Amjad Pervaiz (40) to set off a regular procession to the pavilion. Walker employed an attacking field and kept up a sustained attack to cause SCECO's middle-order cave-in.

After Mike Walker had claimed four wickets Skelton, with two for 13, and Asad, with two for 48, snapped up the tail as SCECO were shot out for 150 in 21 overs. Only brief and patchy resistance came from the later SCECO batsmen against a controlled attack.

### Five-A-Side tourney

The Saulex Cricket Club (Alkhobar) will hold its annual Five-A-Side Cricket Tournament under the aegis of the Eastern Province Cricket League (EPCL) on April 9.

Sixteen teams will vie for the floating trophy, presented by Sheikh Abdulaziz Abahsain, with team comprising five players.

ranging over as many as six places. "(New York) Yanks, (Detroit) Tigers, (Milwaukee) Brewers look to be the top ones."

Pete nodded. He forgot Baltimore. "The Yanks went for speed instead of power. (Reggie) Jackson went to California as a free agent. Collins came to New York as a free agent from Cincinnati. Steinbrenner gave up minor-league picks for Ken Griffey. On the mound you still got Ron Guidry, Rick Reuschel. Rich 'Goose' Gosage out of the bullpen, with an earned run average last year of 0.77."

"The Orioles are depending on veteran

## Soviet boxers outstanding in King's Cup

BANGKOK, Thailand April 6 (AP) — The Soviet Union captured the lead Monday in the King's Cup Amateur Boxing Tournament, as the annual event saw many hard-fought and close decisions.

Soviet boxers tallied 11 points with last year's champions Kenya and Thailand's Port Authority teams next at ten points each. The Kenyans suffered a big setback when their light heavyweight boxer Daniel Onyango was stopped in the second round by South Korea's Hong Kee Ho. Onyango suffered a cut over his right eyebrow and the ring doctor pronounced him unfit to continue.

Earlier, three bouts ended in split 3-2 decisions. The Thai Airforce's Sompong Naknium outpointed India's promising Anmol Dass on a 3-2 flyweight decision. So did Egypt's Magdi Walba over Japan's Chiharu Hagiwara and Australia's David Hall over another Indian, K.B. Chetri in the lightweight quarterfinals.

Twenty-three teams are taking part in the nine-day tournament which is scheduled to end Thursday. Trophies will be presented to the best boxer and the champion team.

It was confirmed in Nairobi that Kenyan boxer, John Iwade died from injuries he received in the ring recently. Iwade, whose death is the first in Kenyan boxing history, was fighting at welterweight for Nairobi province in the Kenyan Novices Championships at the Prisons Staff Training College in Nairobi.

Iwade was carried from the ring unconscious after being knocked out by Sammy Odiera of Central Province in the second round. He was knocked down in the first round, too, but was saved by the bell.

Meanwhile, World Boxing Association (WBA) junior bantamweight champion Rafael Pedroza of Panama is a 5-4 favorite over Japanese challenger Jiro Watanabe to retain his crown in Osaka on April 8.

An open sparing session here was Pedroza's first appearance before Japanese boxing fans since his unsuccessful challenge of former WBA junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken in 1979.

Ringside experts picked the champion as a slight favorite but gave Watanabe, WBA's eighth-ranking junior bantamweight, a chance to win if his favorite combination works land on target.

Pedroza, 27, has a record of 26 wins, including 22 knockouts, seven losses, and one draw, while Watanabe, also 27, enters the ring with 14 wins, 10 by knockout, and one loss.

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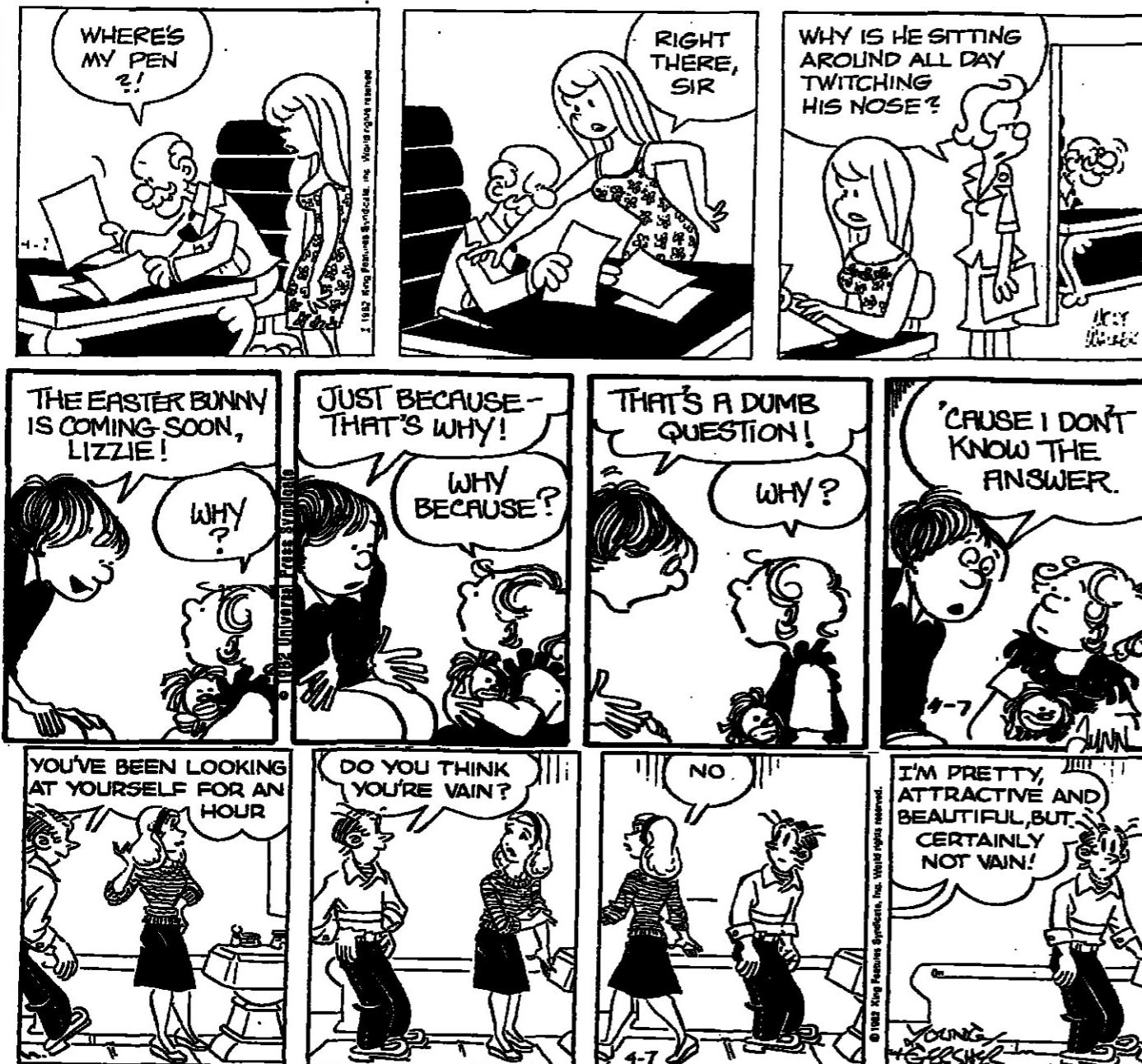
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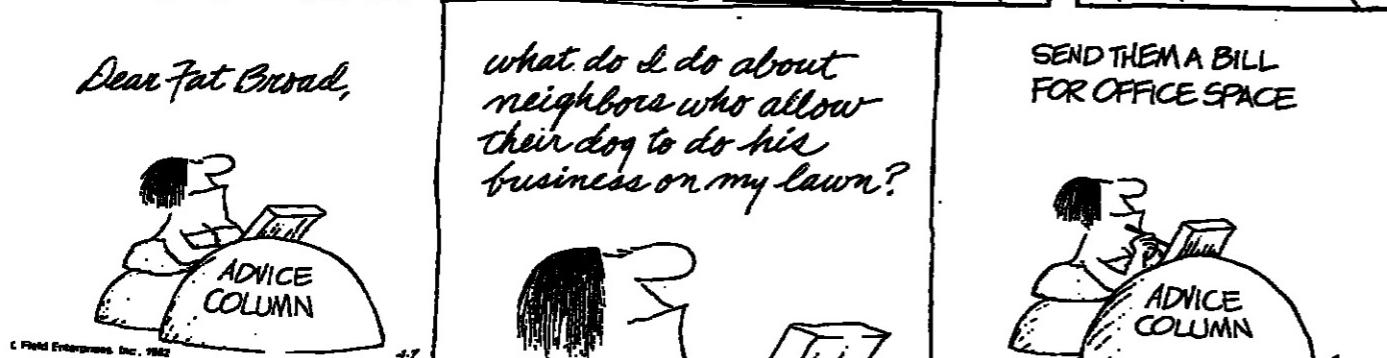
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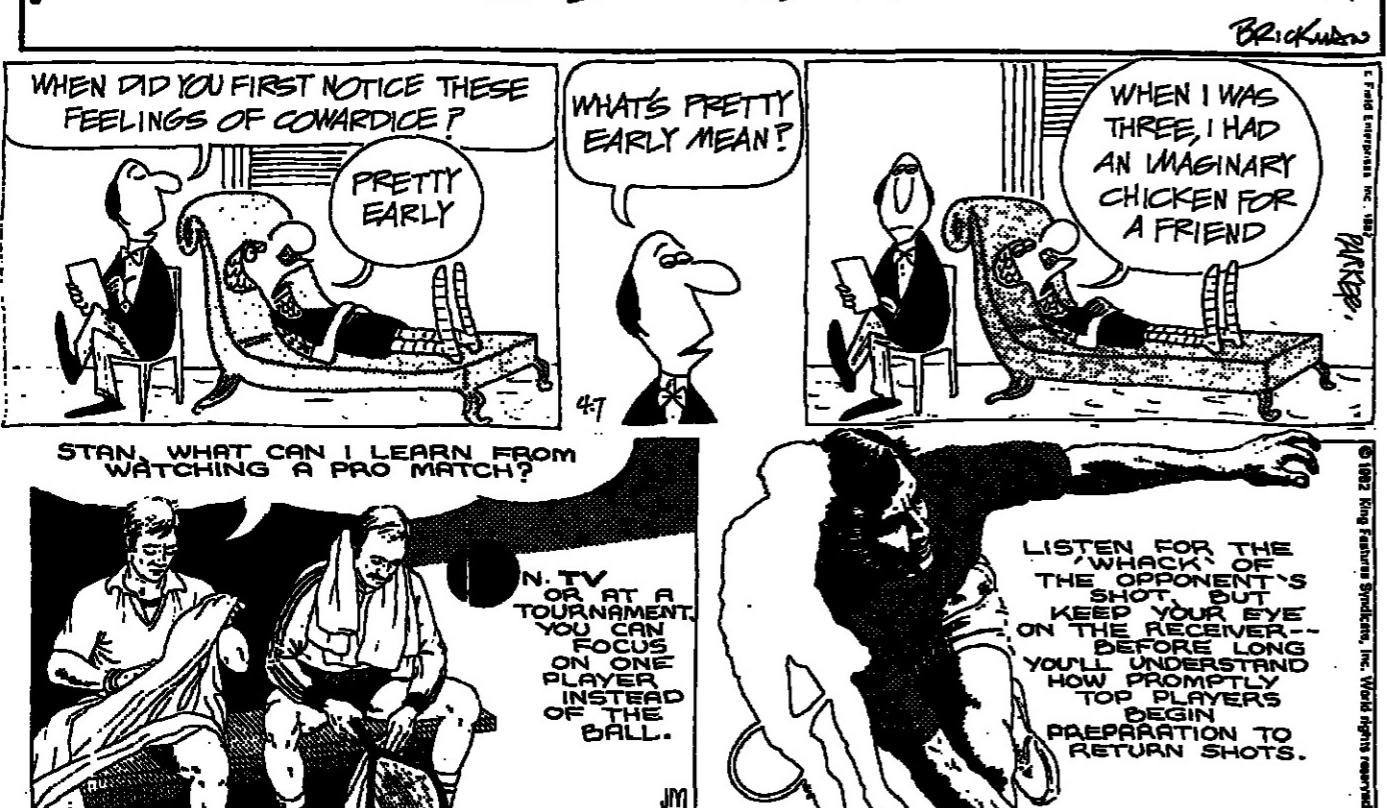
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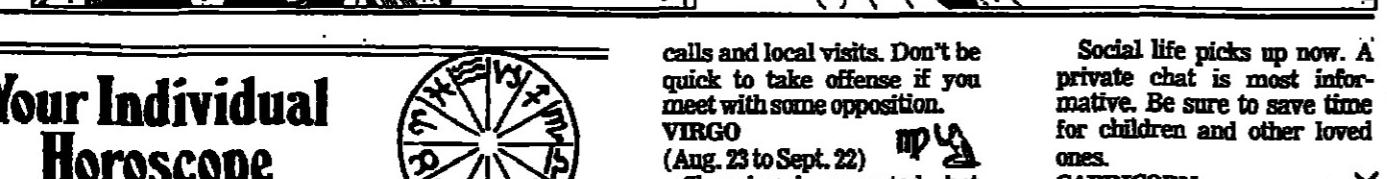
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**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Take the initiative in romance. Overall, you'll have fun with close friends, but avoid petty arguments after dinner. Be tactful!

**TAURUS**

(Apr. 20 to May 20) An early start brings you success. After a productive morning, however, you tend to slacken your efforts. Avoid petty disputes.

**GEMINI**

(May 21 to June 20) This is an exciting time for

lovers. Take the first step in planning good times together. Curb irritability in the evening.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)

Inaugurate new domestic schemes. Make plans to redecorate, also to do some entertaining. Avoid minor friction concerning a business matter.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)

During the daylight hours, you should make important

calls and local visits. Don't be quick to take offense if you meet with some opposition.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Shopping is accented, but don't make hasty decisions. Be sure to check with close relatives before making any major purchases.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

The accent is on initiative, so go after what you want. An impromptu meeting is fortunate. Don'ticker in the late evening.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

It's a fortunate time for cleaning up unfinished business. Tackle those obligations you've been putting off. Buy that birthday gift.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

You'll make important decisions regarding investments and overall security. Consult with monetary experts, banks and insurance companies.

Social life picks up now. A private chat is most informative. Be sure to save time for children and other loved ones.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

An enterprising spirit pays off in business and you'll find new ways to increase income. Try to pay more attention to your family.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

A friend's novel viewpoint gives you food for thought. Sign up for needed courses and find new ways to broaden your horizons.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

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### TV Programs

#### Saudi Arabia, Wednesday

4:30 Opening, Ostan  
- Cartoons  
- Children's Program  
- Modern Mathematics  
- Modern Stories  
- Love Poem  
8:15 English News  
- Educational Competition  
9:30 Arabic News  
- Daily Arabic Series  
- Arabic Variety Program  
- Weekly Arabic Series  
Close down

#### Bahrain

4:00 Children's Show  
4:52 Take Hart Demolishing  
5:12 Waldo Kitty Catans or not Catans

#### Qatar

6:45 Work and Mandy/Jeans  
Loves Monk

#### Dubai

7:16 Documentary/Invisible  
World

#### Kuwait

8:21 Music General Flipped  
as Drawn

#### Bahrain

8:45 Wodehouse Playhouse-  
Tangled Hearts

#### Yemen

9:57 Safety-Safety Belt Use  
Saves Lives

#### Dubai

10:00 Program Preview Songs

#### Bahrain

11:45 Variety Show

#### Dubai

12:00 Countdown

#### Radio Jeddah

Afternoon Transmissions  
TIME: WEDNESDAY

2:00 Openings

2:05 Program Rev.

2:07 Gems of Guidance

2:12 Light Music

2:15 Old Songs

2:25 Light Music

3:00 The News

3:10 Press Review

3:15 Reflections On Fasting

3:30 The Quran

3:35 Youth Welfare

3:45 Light Music

3:45 Evening Transmission

TIME: THURSDAY

8:00 Opening

8:01 Holy Quran

8:05 Program Review

8:07 Gems of Guidance

8:12 Light Music

8:15 Old Songs

8:25 Light Music

9:00 The News

9:15 Reflections On Fasting

9:30 The Quran

9:35 Youth Welfare

9:45 Light Music

9:45 Evening Transmission

TIME: FRIDAY

8:00 Opening

8:01 Holy Quran

8:05 Program Review

8:07 Gems of Guidance

8:12 Light Music

8:15 Old Songs

8:25 Light Music

9:00 The News

9:15 Reflections On Fasting

9:30 The Quran

9:35 Youth Welfare

9:45 Light Music

9:45 Evening Transmission

TIME: SATURDAY

8:00 Opening

8:01 Holy Quran

8:05 Program Review

8:07 Gems of Guidance

8:12 Light Music

8:15 Old Songs

8:25 Light Music

9:00 The News

9:15 Reflections On Fasting

9:30 The Quran

9:35 Youth Welfare

9:45 Light Music

9:45 Evening Transmission

TIME: SUNDAY

8:00 Opening

8:01 Holy Quran

8:05 Program Review

8:07 Gems of Guidance

8:12 Light Music

8:15 Old Songs

8:25 Light Music

9:00 The News

9:15 Reflections On Fasting

9:30 The Quran

9:35 Youth Welfare

9:45 Light Music

9:45 Evening Transmission

TIME: MONDAY

8:00 Opening

8:01 Holy Quran

8:05 Program Review

8:07 Gems of Guidance

8:12 Light Music

8:15 Old Songs

8:25 Light Music

9:00 The News

9:15 Reflections On Fasting

9:30 The Quran

9:35 Youth Welfare

9:45 Light Music

9:45 Evening Transmission

TIME: TUESDAY

8:00 Opening

8:01 Holy Quran

8:05 Program Review

8:07 Gems of Guidance

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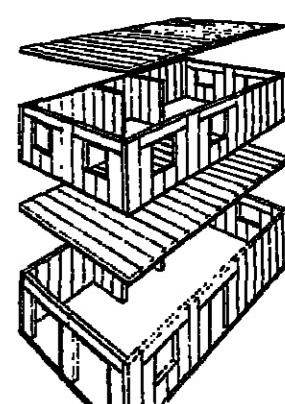
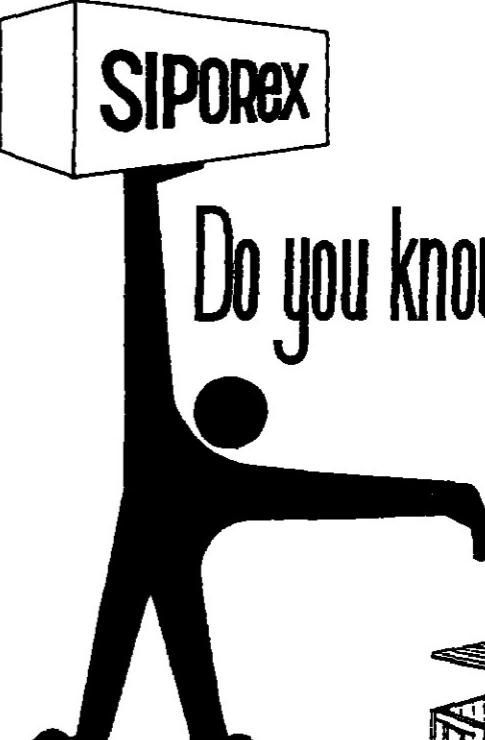
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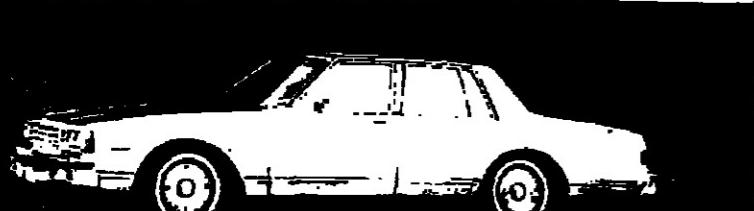
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International

## Nuclear deterrence essential, Haig says

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig Tuesday strongly defended the U.S. policy of nuclear deterrence, declaring that no other measure can restore a strategic balance with the Soviet Union and reduce the risks of nuclear war.

Haig spoke one day after President Ronald Reagan declared he hoped to meet with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev next week to discuss global reductions in nuclear weapons.

Haig attacked the concept of a global freeze on nuclear weapons, as urged by a group of senators and a growing number of communities around the country. Such a freeze at current levels "would perpetuate an unstable and unequal military balance," Haig said.

"It would reward a decade of Soviet milit-

**Falklands embarrasses Spain**

MADRID, April 6 (AP) — Spaniards back Argentina's invasion of the Falklands, and appeals for similar action on Gibraltar are embarrassing the government here on the eve of talks with Britain on the future of the peninsula.

Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez Llorca and British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington were to meet on April 20 at Sintra, Portugal, for talks on the 5,6-square-kilometer peninsula which has been under British rule since 1713.

But after Lord Carrington resigned Monday and was replaced by Francis Pym, it was not clear Tuesday who would represent Britain at the talks. (In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said "I am sure the talks will go ahead, but this is the first day for the new foreign secretary, and a number of decisions are still to be taken.")

"Many Spaniards rejoice over the Argentine action in the Falklands and the subsequent humiliation of Britain," wrote the Catholic daily *Ya*, "and regret that Spain did not act likewise on Gibraltar." If Britain continues to adopt a colonialist attitude on the

ary buildup, and penalize the United States for a decade of unilateral restraint. Such a freeze would remove all Soviet incentive to engage in meaningful arms control designed to cut armaments and reduce the risk of war," Haig said.

Speaking before Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies, Haig said those who advocate a buildup of U.S. nuclear forces in the name of deterrence and future arms control share the same moral values as those who advocate a nuclear freeze.

"By maintaining the military balance and sustaining deterrence, we protect the essential values of Western civilization," Haig said. "In failing to maintain deterrence, we would risk our freedoms, while actually increasing the likelihood of also suffering nuclear devastation."

Gibraltar issue, Spanish tempers may run out and cannons may boom in the straits" separating Europe and Africa, it warned.

During a long program on Spanish radio, almost all the listeners who called in gave unconditionally backing to Argentina and many of them asked for similar action on Gibraltar. "We Spaniards are filled with joy over the Falklands invasion, and feel anger and sorrow when we think of Gibraltar," wrote the financial daily *Cinco Días*.

The daily said Spain should have voted in favor of Argentina and not abstained at the recent vote in the United Nations Security Council on the Falklands issue. The right wing violently condemned what it called the "cowardliness" of the Madrid government, and compared it with "the courageous attitude" of the Argentina junta.

The official Spanish position on the Falklands, which consisted of condemning the invasion but voicing understanding for the reason behind it, appeared to have satisfied no one. Nonetheless, Premier Leopoldo Dalvo Sotelo said Saturday that the Falklands and Gibraltar issues were "distinctly different."

## Mexican volcano gobble villages

MEXICO CITY, April 6 (AFP) — Entire villages have disappeared under volcanic lava and the death toll continues to climb as the Chichonal volcano eruption grew in intensity more than one week after a first blast killed at least 20 persons.

The ten-day eruption now affects four states (Tabasco, Chiapas, Vera Cruz and Oaxaca) and covers 500 kms. Thousands of cattle have perished in these areas. In Chiapas, volcanic ash threatens to destroy 50,000 hectares of recently tilled land. Thousands of inhabitants have fled the area, while economic damage has yet to be calculated.

Rescue operations have been considerably hampered by the density of volcanic ash, which prevents motor engines from working, and has plunged the immediate area around the volcano into near permanent darkness.

In Pichucalco, the closest accessible village to the volcano, the roofs of 71 houses fell in under the weight of the volcanic debris. Other villages, Francisco Leo and La Magdalena in particular, have been cut off for ten days. Schools, churches and cinemas are being used as shelter by the thousands of refugees who left the most seriously affected areas.

## U.K. announces Ulster plan

LONDON, April 6 (R) — The British government announced plans in parliament for a new elected assembly in Northern Ireland and told the strife-torn province's divided politicians they had a responsibility to make them work. Northern Ireland Minister James Prior spelled out the plans in a statement Monday, saying it offered a way out of political deadlock and violence.

The government believes that the politicians of Northern Ireland have an inescapable responsibility to work out an acceptable scheme for themselves," he said. Leaders of the pro-British Protestant majority and the Catholic minority have criticized Prior's ideas. And the Irish Republic said in a statement the plans were unworkable.

Prior wants elections by proportional representation later this year for a 78-seat assembly whose main task would be to discuss how it would exercise devolved powers. To help protect the Catholic minority, about a third of the population, any constitutional plan would require the support of 70 percent of assembly members.

Previous efforts have foundered because of sectarian intransigence. More than 2,000 persons have died in a fight by Republican guerrillas to sever the province's links with Britain.

## Guerrillas to escalate Salvador war

SAN SALVADOR, April 6 (AP) — A clandestine guerrilla radio station, ignoring a church leader's appeal for peace, reiterated a call to escalate fighting and sabotage throughout the nation.

The Radio Venceremos broadcast said Monday peasants and workers should participate with the leftist guerrillas in a wider campaign of sabotage from May 1. It repeated a message it broadcast Saturday that the guerrillas fought before the elections and would continue to do so "until the final victory."

The broadcast made no mention of the message of Arturo Rivera Damas, the acting archbishop of San Salvador, and the apostolic delegate, who had said that the massive turnout at the polls was a message that the Salvadoran people are tired of violence. He said the guerrillas should lay down their arms and leaders should find other ways to "gain credibility" than violence and destruction.

The guerrillas have waged a devastating sabotage campaign against economic targets as part of their effort to overthrow the U.S.-supported civilian-military junta. An estimated 33,000 persons have died in 29 months of political violence. Leftists had boycotted the elections, claiming that their candidates would be endangered and negotiations should be held first.

In Caracas, Venezuela, President Luis Herrera Campins Monday blamed Communists and the world Social Democratic movement for the failure of Jose Napoleon Duarte's Christian Democrats to win elections in El Salvador. Herrera told a news conference that despite pressure from terrorism and a propaganda campaign, his fellow Christian Democrats had scored "a very important individual triumph" in garnering 40 percent of the vote in the March 28 elections.

"The rightist groups indisputably came out from the elections strongly for various reasons," Herrera said.

## King Hussein in Qatar

DOHA, April 6 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan arrived in Qatar from Riyadh Tuesday on the second leg of a Gulf tour. The Jordanian monarch flew to Saudi Arabia Monday for talks with King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and senior ministers.

At least five persons were killed Monday as the storms whistled from Iowa to Ohio, bringing lightning and 72 kph winds that whirled the falling snow and churned up 15-foot waves on Lake Michigan.

Motorists were left without sufficient snow tires in Iowa, dropping up to 9 inches of snow in Chicago and causing flooding in Indiana, the freak storms moved into the northeast early Tuesday.

As the snow began to fall, blizzard warnings were posted in northern New Jersey, metropolitan New York and Massachusetts, where the National Weather Service said the storm "has the potential to be the worst storm of the winter season."

In the west, northern California was drenched again Tuesday by another in a series of storms that have caused flooding in the lowlands and deep snows in the mountains for more than a week. Hundreds were homeless in flooding that floated mobile homes off their foundations.

Two-hundred persons were evacuated from Squaw Valley, California, and blizzards closed down a main highway in California's Sierra Nevada. Two forest fires burned out of control north Carolina.

The midwestern snowstorms left 8 inches of snow in Toledo, Ohio, early Tuesday. Cleveland's 2 inches of snow gave it more than 90 inches for the season, breaking the 1977-78 record.

## Warm spring triggers flare-up in Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, April 6 (AFP) — The arrival of warm, spring weather appears to have triggered an increase in fighting between government troops and anti-Marxist forces in Afghanistan, a diplomatic report from Kabul said Tuesday.

Afghan media meanwhile announced in Kabul that Khalil Ahmad Abawi had been named deputy prime minister and state Planning Commission chairman. The diplomatic report, from a source who asked not to be identified, said it appeared Abawi had received a major promotion and that the planning function in the government had been upgraded.

The Planning Commission formerly was headed by Prime Minister Sultan Ali Keshmard, who was said to have left its running to the vice chairman, Mehrabuddin Pakhtiar. He was shifted to the vacant presidency of the Afghanistan Bank, Afghan media reported.

Abawi's former job as chief of the local government organization was taken over by Muhammad Yassin Sadeqi. Information was not available here on the new appointee.

Describing new flare-ups and military activity in the South Asian country, the

report said that the principal of the Commercial High School in Kabul and a popular religious leader of the capital's Farmani district were assassinated last Thursday. Two Afghan soldiers also were shot in the city on Friday.

The freedom fighters fired rockets on the Chekela Setoun Palace in southern Kabul and at the headquarters of the ruling Marxist Party in the nearby Dar-Ul-Aman district in late March, the source added. Fighting also was reported in three areas near Kabul last week as well as in Afghanistan's second largest city — Kandahar — and in Parwan and Wardak provinces, the report said.

Anti-government forces operated openly along the 15-kilometer stretch of highway north from the capital to Paghman, along which the three skirmishes occurred, the report said.

The freedom fighters stopped traffic at will, and retreated only when confronted by large government forces. However, the government appeared content with the situation and made little effort to stop it, the report added.

In the heavily bombarded state capital of Kandahar, 450 km to the southwest, fighting has broken out again between the freedom fighters and Soviet and Afghan government forces, the report quoted an "excellent" source as saying.

The source, who visited Kandahar and returned to Kabul, said the city's secret police chief was killed in one skirmish in late March. He was not identified.

Soviet and Afghan troops retaliated March 30, attacking a rebel stronghold at Mahalahot outside the city. There was no report of casualties in that fight, but the report said 40 to 50 freedom fighters may have been killed in another battle March 28 outside Kandahar.

Elsewhere, the report said the sound of heavy shelling in the Shomali area of Parwan province north of Kabul could be heard clearly in the capital the previous week. It also reported attacks by helicopter gunships and jet fighters on targets in Wardak province to the northwest, but gave no details.

## Good Morning

By HILDA ANDERSON

The city dweller's car broke down in a country lane. He took his jacket off and started tinkering with the engine. There was this cow grazing peacefully in the meadow nearby, which sauntered along to where he was and started looking over his shoulder.

"It's the billy," it said, slowly and distinctly. "Stop fiddling with that sprocket there, for the sake of the battery!" The man, as you'd imagine, was terrified. He ran to the nearest farm, where he recounted the episode excitedly to the farmer.

"Was it a black cow with some white along its forehead?" the farmer asked calmly. "Yes, it was." "Then," said the farmer, "I wouldn't put much trust in what it said. That cow knows next to nothing about cars!"

And since that was an animal joke, why not have another?

A man went to visit his friend and found him fussing over a very small, quite unprepossessing-looking dog. "What kind of a dog is this?" he asked. "It's a police dog," said the friend. "Well, it doesn't look like a police dog." "Of course not," came the explanation. "It is a secret police dog."

And the usual one for the road:

The man went to a psychoanalyst complaining that, for some reason, he has come to form the conclusion he was a dog. "Do relax on the couch while you tell me about it," said the analyst. "The couch," the man said, "No way! My wife has made a clear rule: no pets on the furniture."

Translated from *Astoria Al-Awas*

## Egypt court gets mercy appeals

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